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Russians Open Fire On Berlin Crowd

– Sequel To Tearing Down Of Red Flag

TENSION EASES ON BRITISH ASSURANCE

BERLIN, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Russian tommygunners tonight fired into a crowd of Berliners after demonstrators had torn down the Soviet flag during an anti-Communist rally, a quarter of a million strong, in the British sector.

According to German sources two demonstrators climbed to the top of the Brandenburger Gate from the British side of the sector boundary and tore down the Russian flag, marking the beginning of Soviet-controlled territory.

A Russian jeep, containing an officer and two tommygunners, who had earlier been stoned in front of the Russian War Memorial in the British sector, drove at full speed to the gate.

FIRING BACK AND FORWARD

The two demonstrators had disappeared into the crowd but one tommygunner fired forwards as the jeep drove into the Russian sector, the other firing backwards into the British sector.

So far as was known one elderly German was shot in the leg and taken to hospital.

Meanwhile about 5,000 Berliners had gathered outside the Allied Control Authority building in the American sector where the Chairman of the three pro-Western parties were presenting a memorandum to the Military Governors.

Franz Neumann, the City's Social Democratic leader, told the crowd the memorandum would set out details of political suppression in the Russian sector.

Maj.-Gen. Neville Brownjohn, British Deputy Military Governor, arrived at the Soviet War Memorial shortly after the shooting to assess the situation.

A few minutes earlier British and Russian officers had conferred there, the senior Russian officer present, Lt.-Col. Banyukin, admitting that three shots had been fired.

He said the names of the soldiers responsible would be given to the British as soon as they had been ascertained.

Pointing to the crowd of Germans still standing near the Monument, Col. Banyukin said: "We hold the British authorities' responsible for the safety of the guards here".

The British officer gave him the assurance but demanded that all Russian military personnel who did not form part of the Guard of Honour at the War Memorial should be withdrawn.

NEW RED FLAG HOISTED

Meanwhile a brand new Red Flag was hoisted on top of the gate, which is considered inside the Soviet sector.

The Russian jeep had been stoned just before the flag incident.

When a stone smashed the windscreen, the crowd closed in and British military police surrounded the jeep. More stones were thrown.

A Russian tommy-gunner stoop up in the back seat and brandished his gun. He sat down after British military police had asked him not to incite the crowd.

The crowd cheered and booed as 5 more tommy-gunners appeared from their guardroom and ran down the marble steps of the Memorial towards the jeep. The demonstrators moved back after an unknown German appealed to them for discipline.

Finally British military police pushed the crowd back from the Monument. The Germans climbed on to lorries and drove away cheering and shaking their fists at the Russian soldiers still standing there.

Stones lay scattered in the road behind them.

For hours during the afternoon Berliners had massed in the bright sunshine in the Platz Der Republik, only 100 yards from the Soviet sector, to hear the anti-Communist demonstration.

FRENCH COMMANDANT'S CHARGE

Gen. Jean Ganeval, French Commandant in Berlin, today charged the Russian authorities with breaking the word of their own Commander by arresting 19 West German police who were coming from the City Hall yesterday under French escort.

AMERICAN PROTEST REJECTED

Earlier today, the Soviet Commander rejected a protest by his American opposite number, Col. Frank Howley, against the arrest of West German police.

Col. Howley had called on Gen Kotikov yesterday to demand the release of the Germans and to protest against the arrest of his deputy, Col William Babcock, who was later freed. He also protested against alleged mishandling of American officers and correspondents during Monday's incidents at the City Hall.

Rain Of Acid Ashes On Camiguin Island

MANILA, Sept. 9. (U.P.A.): The Globe Wireless, today, intercepted a message from a Philippines naval patrol vessel to all ships at sea saying: "Acute emergency at Camiguin Island. All available boats needed for mass evacuation". Guinsiehan and Binone were designated as the embarkation points. The message said a rain of acid ashes had occurred.

TRUMAN ON U.S. RIGHTS IN BERLIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (Reuter)—President Truman today proclaimed America's determination to "stand up for our rights" in Berlin.

President Truman began his press conference statement on the Berlin crisis by giving his unqualified backing to Secretary of State George Marshall's assertion yesterday that the current developments in the German capital should be "firmly resisted."

"We are still standing up for our rights in Berlin" the President said in a firm voice.

"We are doing everything we can by negotiation.

"We will not ntgotiate under duress. We are not negotiating under duress. And we will continue negotiating, always hoping we can get peace."

BRITISH CABINET AND BERLIN CRISIS

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UPA)—The British Cabinet will meet tomorrow and will receive a full report on the situation from Foreign Secretary Earnest Bevin.

PROME FALLS TO RANGOON FORCES

RANGOON, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Burmese Government troops have recaptured from the Communist-led insurgents the strategic rail and river town of Prome, north-west of Rangoon, a Government Communique announced tonight.

Its recapture gives the Government virtual control of the main railways from Rangoon into Central Burma.

The Government Communique reported a small-scale action at Allanmyo, on the opposite bank of the Irrawaddy from Thayetmyo 35 miles north of Prome, in which three insurgents were killed.

Clashes between Government and insurgent troops were also reported in the Toungoo area between Rangoon and Mandalay and at two points in the Irrawaddy Delta.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER RESIGNS

BUDAPEST, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Peter Veres, Hungarian Minister of National Defence, has resigned, it was learned here today.

M. Veres who is President of the National Peasant Party, will be replaced by M. Mihail Farkas, Deputy Secretary-General of the Workers' Party, a Communist and close collaborator of M. Matyas Rakosi, the Communist Deputy Premier.

FOUR-POWER MEETING ON ITALIAN COLONIES

PARIS, Sept. 9 (Reuter): A Four-Power meeting on the Italian Colonies may be held in Paris as early as Saturday this week, it was learned in Paris this afternoon.

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter): At least five Indian representatives of African Colonial Legislatives are expected to come to London for the African Colonial Conference which the British Government is calling for September 29. They would be representatives of the Kenya, Zanzibar, Tanganyika and Uganda Legislative Councils and the East African Central Assembly.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY

Poona Session Will Open Today

POONA, Sept. 9 (API): The Bombay Legislative Assembly meet here tomorrow for its Poona Session which is expected to last for five to six weeks.

Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier and the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai arrived in Poona today and with most of the other Ministers now in Poona for the session, the seat of the Bombay Government will have been shifted from Bombay to Poona for the period of the session.

The present session will see functioning in the Assembly a new party called the 'fourth party' which takes the place of the former Muslim League Party. Mr A. A. Khan, Leader of the Former Muslim League party, has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Legislature Department announcing the emergence of this party and described it as a non-communal party with its membership open to all.

Consequent on the constitutional changes in the country, the Governor of a province has ceased to enjoy certain powers in regard to framing of rules of procedure for the Legislature and the Bombay Assembly will be called on to approve of the necessary amendments in the Bombay Legislative Assembly rules due to curtailment of the Governor's powers.

MORE EXPLOSIONS IN JERUSALEM

Both Sides Blame Each Other For Opening Fire First

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9 (UPI)—Heavy explosions were heard in Jerusalem this morning for the fourth day in succession either side claiming that the other was the first to open fire.

The Jewish Settlement says that the north-western quarters of the city were heavily shelled and subjected to mortar attacks from Arab positions whilst the Arabs claim that Israeli forces attempted to link their two positions. Today's exchange lasted for four hours, both the sides suffering casualties.

Count Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator in Palestine, will meet the Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Shertok, to press for the demilitarisation of Jerusalem, it is learned.

15 STERN-GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (Reuter)—Israeli military police arrested 15 members of the Jewish terrorist organisation, fighters for the freedom of Irsael (Stern Gang), on Monday night in a raid on a camp near Tel Aviv.

The camp served as base for the Gang's activities in Jerusalem and also as their main training centre, members in Tel Aviv said.

BLOCKED BALANCE RELEASED FOR PALESTINE FUND

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): The Government of India have released and remitted the amount of Rs. ten lakhs from the Hyderabad blocked account as the Nizams donation to the Palestine Refugee Fund, according to a 'communique' issued by the Ministry of States.

Margate Congress Stands By Government

MARGATE, KENT Sept. 9. (Reuter): Britain's organised Trade Union Movement, meeting in annual Congress here, tonight endorsed the General Council's support of the Government's "freeze wages, prices and profits" policy on condition that the Government acted more vigorously to reduce prices.

Maharaja Asked To Stay In Baroda Permanently

(From Our Correspondent)

BARODA, Sept 8:

More than 300 well-wishers, of Maharaja of Baroda including Dr. Chandrachud, Sjt. Damajirao Gaekwad, and Messrs. Pradhan Brothers (pleaders) went in group to Laxmivilas Palace, at 9 a.m. to request the Maharaja to stay permanently in Baroda.

The Maharaja assured, it is understood, said to them "Don't worry after my small tour of Delhi and Bombay I am to stay here.

Then a group photograph was taken.

The deputationists thanked His Highness for the assurance.

Mr. Justice Pal

TOKYO, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Mr. Justice Pal, Indian Judge on the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, returned to Tokyo by air today after a visit to India lasting several weeks to see his sick wife.

SARDAR PATEL ADDRESSES EDITORS

The Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspapers' Editors' Conference in New Delhi on September 8. Left to right facing camera are: Mr. G. A. Johnson (Statesman), Mr. Moharay (Samyukt Karnatak), Sardar Patel, Mr. Devadas Gandhi, Mr. K. Srinivasan of Bombay, Mr. S. A. Brelvi and Mr. P. C. Chaudhuri, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Sitting behind are: Mr. Shanker, Private Secretary to Sardar Patel, Mr. A. D. Mani and Mr. J. K. Cowley.

ALL WHITES TO QUIT HYDERABAD TODAY

Scion Of Shivaji's Family Offers His Services To India Government

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UPI): Strict neutrality of the British Government in the Indo-Hyderabad dispute was reiterated by White Hall circles today following reports reaching London since last night suggesting the "imminent entry of Indian troops in Hyderabad".

While expressing concern on the reports received, the official circles do not visualise any change in the British policy which was outlined by Premier Attlee during an adjournment debate in the House of Commons July last.

EVACUATION PLANS.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth Office to-day, announced plans for the evacuation of all British residents from Hyderabad.

Instructions are understood to have been issued to the R.A.F. to send transport aircraft to bring home to this country all Britons desiring to leave.

Plane For Evacuation Of U. S. Citizens

HYDERABAD, Sept. 9. (A.P.I.): A plane chartered by the United States Embassy in New Delhi arrived in Hyderabad to-night to evacuate American citizens from Hyderabad State.

The evacuation of European and American personnel numbering about 600 will be completed to-morrow.

It is stated that there are over 600 European and American personnel employed in the Army, Railways and Technical Departments of the Nizam's Government, in addition to a large number of European missionaries scattered in different parts of the State.

Among the European people to be evacuated to-morrow are twelve British officers of the Hyderabad Army who, according to the usual Commonwealth convention, cannot engage themselves in any conflict with any Dominion of the British Empire.

Two B.O.A.C. "York" planes will run a shuttle service between Hyderabad and Madras to-morrow starting at 6 a.m. It is expected that the evacuation will be completed before to-morrow evening.

Thus the entire American and European population will be evacuated to-morrow to Madras.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, India's Agent-General in Hyderabad, gave necessary help to the persons who are to be evacuated and the Hyderabad State Bank provided them adequate Indian currency.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS IN MADRAS

MADRAS, Sept. 9 (API): The first batch of British evacuees from Hyderabad is expected to reach Madras tomorrow morning by plane.

Arrangements for their reception in Madras have already been made under instructions from the Acting High Commissioner for U.K. in New Delhi.

Two British Overseas Airways Corporation "York" planes have been chartered to effect their evacuation from Hyderabad to Madras.

It is stated that between 100 and 200 evacuees will be housed in Madras under temporary arrangements made by the Deputy High Commissioner for U.K. in Madras, in co-operation with the members of the United Kingdom community and European clubs. The Indian Military authorities, it is learnt have also offered accommodation to the evacuees at St. Thomas Mount.

40 AMERICANS IN NIZAM'S STATE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (Reuter): There are about 40 Americans—mostly missionaries—to be evacuated from Hyderabad, a State Department spokesman said today.

He added that there were no sizeable American business interests in the State. The United States Commerce Department had no record of commercial interests there.

168 KILLED IN RAZAKAR ATROCITIES

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): One hundred and fifty persons, including three women, were killed, when Razakars assisted by the Nizam's police and military attacked the village of Behrampalli in Nalgonda district on August 26, according to a report received here.

On August 26, it is stated, a group of Razakars assisted by the Nizam's police and military and headed by the Collector of the District and accompanied by several high officials in 12 lorries attacked the villages of Behrampalli in the Nalgonda district. They shelled the Garhi of the village of Behrampalli with machine guns and threw handgrenades over it. They entered the village firing at unarmed and helpless villagers hiding behind the Garhi.

One hundred and fifty persons, including three women, were killed, 15 women raped, houses were broken open and their contents taken away.

The same day they proceeded to the village of Kottigallu which was similarly attacked and 18 persons killed.

NIZAM COMMANDEERS MOTOR TRANSPORT

HYDERABAD (Deccan) Sept. 9. (API): "All taxicabs, buses and public carriers are to be virtually commandeered for Government use from September 15, when a new Government notifcation takes effect.

RAJA BHONSLE OFFERS HIS SERVICES

NAGPUR, Sept. 9 (API): Raja Pratapsinghrao Bhonsle, a member of the old Bhonsle ruling family of Nagpur, who was elected to the Provincial Legislative Assembly on Congress ticket, in a statement today said that "in keeping with the traditions of my family", he was offering his services to the Government of India for active service in Hyderabad State.

Raja Pratapsinghrao Bhonsle also appealed to all young men in the Province to enlist themselves in the Defence Forces or in the Provincial Home Guards organisation, "so that the people's rule may be established in Hyderabad State without delay.

THREE NIZAM'S VILLAGES DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

MADRAS, Sept. 9 (API): Three Hyderabad State villages—Sultanpuram, Jillelabad and Relamped—neclaved in Indian Union territory, have declared their independence, according to a report received here from Kurnool.

The people of the three villages, both Hindus and Muslims, are reported to have collected in a central place this morning where they ceremoniously hoisted and saluted the Indian National Flag.

The villages are about 15 miles from Kurnool with a population of about 1,500 each.

Dalmia For London

LUXEMBOURG, Sept. 9 (Reuter):—Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia, Indian industrialist, who has been attending the Congress of the Movement for World Government here, is to leave for London tomorrow to discuss with British statesmen a plan for uniting the world "on moral and religious principles".

He hopes to meet Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill. Later he may go to the United States on a similar mission.

Hyderabad Lawyers Call Laik Ali's Bluff

EVIDENCE OF RAZAKAR ATROCITIES— 'GRUESOME BEYOND WORDS'— COLLECTED FROM 353 VILLAGES

HYDERABAD, Sept. 9 (API): Mr. Vinayak Rao Barrister-at-Law, President of the Hyderabad Pleaders' Protest Committee, tonight addressed a letter to the Hyderabad Prime Minister, Mir Laik Ali, denying his statement that there is no insecurity or threat to peace inside the State.

Mr. Vinayak Rao, in the course of the letter, also gave several instances in which people were killed, women were molested and hundreds of thousands of rupees worth of property was looted from several villages in Hyderabad state.

EVIDENCE OF ATROCITIES

Mr. Vinayak Rao in his statement said:—

"The Pleaders' Protest Committee was shocked to learn of the statement made by you in the Legislative Assembly that there is no internal insecurity in Hyderabad. The lawyers, who have suspended their practice in very large numbers for the last six months as a protest against the atrocities of the Razakars, appointed certain lawyers of standing to investigate and collect evidence as regards the atrocites brought to their notice.

"The reports of these investigations are in our possession and the truth of our findings can be established before any independent tribunal.

"Our Inquiry Committee did not cover all atrocities in the State but only investigated into such complaints as were received in our office.

"During the period from January 15 to August 31, 1948, our Inquiry Committee investigated into atrocities in 353 villages all over the State. The results of our investigations shows that not less than 50 villages were completely burned down and that, in addition, hundreds of thousands of houses all over the State have been gutted, several hundreds of persons have been either killed or burned alive.

"In some instances, people were made to stand in a line and were shot dead. The evidence in our possession shows that in these 353 villages, not less than three crores of rupees worth of property was looted; rape was committed on a large number of women and in some cases women were thrown into wells.

"These cases do not include the 50 odd instances investigated by Mr. J. V. Joshi, who recently resigned as a minister, and by many others.

GRUESOME BEYOND WORDS

"Some of the incidents investigated by our Sub-Committee were gruesome beyond words.

"In Gorta village on May 9, two hundred persons were mercilessly done to death or were burned alive, and property worth about Rs. 75,00,000 was looted.

"Our Committee visited Gorta soon after the incident and found decomposed corpses, broken skulls and bones and charred bodies littered in the village.

"So late as August 13 two hundred persons were shot dead and many were burned alive in Udgir in the presence

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QUEUILLE READY TO FORM CABINET

PARIS, Sept. 9. (Reuter): M. Henri Queuille, 64-year-old Radical deputy, told President Vincent Auriol of France tonight that he was ready to form a Government. He will present himself before the National Assembly tomorrow or Saturday for investiture.

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INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION

Agriculture Ministers Consider Reports

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9. (U.P.I.): When the Conference of Agriculture Ministers met in plenary session today under the chairmanship of Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Dominion Agriculture Minister, it considered the reports of the four committees appointed yesterday on increased food production, stabilisation of grain prices, the world agriculture census and the future forest policy, and adopted a large number of resolutions.

REDS AND BRITISH T.U.C. COUNCIL

MARGATE, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Communists failed today in their most ambitious attempt so far to get strong representation on the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

The General Council includes only one Communist — Mr. A. Papworth, a nominee of the giant Transport and General Workers' Union, who already sat on the Council and was returned without a contest.

Four other Communist candidates made a poor showing, two coming at the bottom of the poll for vacant seats.

RAJEN BABU ADVISED COMPLETE REST

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (UPI): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Congress President who is indisposed since the last 5 days, is still unwell. He has cancelled all his engagements for tomorrow and the day after.

It is learnt that Dr. Rajendra Prasad has been advised to take complete rest, and accordingly the Congress President is expected to leave for Pilani on September 11 for recouping his health.

CAIRO, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Pakistan's Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohamed, arrived in Cairo for talks with the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, and Foreign Minister, Khasaba Pasha. He is staying in Cairo for 2 days.

INTERIM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR INDONESIA

Move To Be Discussed At Talks Between Dutch And Bandoeng Deputation

THE HAGUE, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Details of an Interim Federal Indonesian Government will be discussed at talks beginning next week-end between the Dutch Government and a deputation from the Bandoeng (non-Republican) Federal Conference, it was announced here last night.

Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Dutch Lieut. Governor-General, left Batavia yesterday for consultations with the Dutch Government, and will attend these talks.

Dr. Van Mook will discuss the situation with ex-Premier Dr. Louis M. Beel, who will leave shortly for Batavia as a special representative of the Dutch Government. He delayed his departure to have frank discussions with Dr. van Mook and the Cabinet as to whether he should take steps towards reopening the political negotiations.

WILL VAN MOOK BE REPLACED?

Another important question which Dr. Van Mook will probably discuss with the Government will concern his own future. Reports that he would resign or be replaced have so far been disproved but these reports have increased during the past few days.

Indications are that plans for the Interim Federal Government will take precedence on the agenda and that the Republicans will be left to make their own moves towards ending the present deadlock.

VIETMINH LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

PARIS, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Vietminh (Indo-Chinese Autonomists) have launched an offensive after artillery and machine gun barrages round Saigon during the past week, Agence France Presse reports from Saigon stated to-day.

The agency said that 10,000 people demonstrated against the Autonomists in front of Saigon town hall after an Autonomist broadcast proclaiming a state of war throughout Vietnam.

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By Order of the Board
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Bombay 26th August, 1948.

N. B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd September to 5th October 1948, both days inclusive.

This Notice is addressed more particularly to:—

Mrs. Octaviana D'Souza, R. C. Jail, Executors of S. P. G. Gandhi, Dr. Joaquim Vellozo, G. Manchand, C. I. Monteiro, S. B. Gandhi, Mrs. R. Parmanandhan, Rev. Fr. Vincent D. C. J. H. Gomes, O. G. Ferreira, P. S. Figueiredo, T. Thomas, Rev. Fr. Boniface, Miss K. J. Anna, Memon O. A. H. Abdulla, J. T. Chittothora, F. M. Ismailjee, J. V. Rangel, C. Joseph Padaythy, A. G. Ollukaran, S. V. K. Kondarthu, C. K. Mathew, Rev. K. A. Akhora, K. J. Therathil, Rev. T. Kurialachery, B. F. Mendes, Dr. J. L. F. Misquitta, J. D. Da Costa, Joshi J. H., Rev. Jacob George, P. C. Fialho, J. F. de Sequeira, M. S. Kandewal, G. Sharma, S. do R. de Grace Pimenta, A. G. Patel, M. H. Mahatme, M. D. Patel, L. M. Fernandes, M. M. Vora, A. K. M. Raja, Mrs. L. P. Noronha, L. Danabhai Shah, P. Vallabhram, A. V. M. M. S. Iyer, P. R. I. Rama Iyer, S. A. S. Iyer, R. Rothi, D. A. Brahman, S. Pragdass, B. Parekh, Shivdass R. Karani, S. B. Lakhani, K. Lunker, J. K. Srivastava, Shiam Bihari Lall, M. Tandan, H. R. Munim, D. Poondilal, I. J. Jadivala, V. D. Sharma, R. J. Brahman, I. H. S. Khan, Jatanmal Bhandari, T. K. A. Joseph, S. R. Pandya, G. C. Veerayya, D. Basavariya, J. P. Affonso, A. R. Bhasin, A. C. Dave, A. J. Parmar, D. M. Pathak, V. C. Bhatt, H. D. Soni, K. L. Chavda, G. B. Soni, W. D. D'Cruz, T. D. Mehta, S. G. Patel, P. B. Parikh, N. Nagabhushanan, D. M. Sciankl, G. C. Dave, B. Fernandes, G. D. Dave, H. E. Jivanji, G. Somani, D. I. Nisher, P. A. Joseph, Estellita F. S. C. D'Souza, V. C. Chempanthara, K. V. Sheth, Mrs. J. De Silva Rebello, N. C. Dalal, K. Natrajan, Mrs. L. F. Da Piedade, Abranches, S. Sitaram, Jayantilal Popatlal, Mrs. H. F. Sevilha e Souza, V. M. Surati, M. N. Bhagdev, J. A. Rahman, A. R. H. Mohmed, Bhagwan Gujadhar, N. A. N. Mesquitta, C. T. Trivedi, A. Carvalho, V. V. Naique Rasaikar, B. M. Mazumdar, J. N. Safaya, M. B. Naik.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a Statistician for the Jute Agricultural Research Institute, Hooghly. Candidates must possess a Master's Degree in Statistics or in Mathematics with knowledge of statistical methods or must possess a good degree in statistics of Foreign University. They should have at least three years' experience in application of statistical techniques to actual problems relating to agricultural experimentations. The post carries a pay in the scale Rs. 200-15-350-E.B.- 20-650 PLUS usual Dearness and House rent allowances as admissible to the Officers of the Central Government subject to revision according to the recommendations of the Pay Commission. Higher initial salary may be given to highly qualified person. The selected candidate will be on probation for one year and he will be entitled to the benefits of the Contributory Provident Fund of the Committee after confirmation. Applications with copies of testimonials and published papers must reach the undersigned on or before the 30th September, 1948.

G. C. SEN,
Secretary, Indian Central Jute Committee.
4, Hastings Street.

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NOTICE

THE EASTERN BANK LIMITED (Incorporated in England, the liability of members being Limited).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from the 17th September to 2nd October, 1948, both days inclusive.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE

TENDER No. SP/C/162/GB5/36 due to be opened on 10-9-1948 for supply of 950 gallons Paint Ready-mixed Grey French B.S.C. 30, is hereby CANCELLED.

CONTROLLER OF STORES.

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NOTICE

LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the share certificates specified in the schedule hereunder and standing in the name of the partyties) mentioned against each item have been lost or mislaid and the undersigned have applied to the companies concerned to issue duplicate certificates for the said shares. Any person claiming interest in any of the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the respective companies within one month from the date hereof after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors of the companies concerned will proceed to deal with the applications for the issue of duplicate share certificates if they think fit.

SHARES STANDING IN THE NAME OF Mrs. ANGELA DA ROCHA HEREDIA.

1. The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay. 150 Ordinary shares Nos: 270087/99, 453178/87; 443920/28; 493466/-70; 212488/91; 22869/73; 212330; 443914; 270100; 280126; 1012188/212; 1532464/538.
2. The Tata Oil Mills Co., Ltd., Bombay House, 24, Bruce St. Fort, Bombay. 2 Ordinary shares Nos: 239354/55; 3 Preference shares Nos: P.2933/35
3. The Damao Electric Supply Co., Ltd., via Vapi, Daman 100 Ordinary shares Nos: 1425/-1524.
4. The East & West Insurance Co. Ltd., Apollo St., Fort, Bombay 50 B-Class shares Nos: 1 to 50.

SHARES STANDING IN THE JOINT NAMES OF MRS. ANGELA DA ROCHA HEREDIA AND JAMES NATHANIEL HEREDIA.

1. The Jupiter General Insurance Co., Ltd., Bank St., Fort, Bombay. 6 ordinary shares Nos: 124453/58.
2. The Tata Oil Mills Co., Ltd. Bombay House, Bruce St. Fort Bombay. 11 Ordinary shares Nos: 92255/64 and 234459.
3. The Associated Cement Companies Ltd., 1, Queen's Road, Fort, Bombay. 9 Original shares Nos: 180490 to 180497 and 698478, 5 new shares Nos: 761218 to 761222.
4. The Balrampur Sugar Co., Ltd., P. O. Box 21, Cawnpore. 100 ordinary shares Nos: 247262/301; 130203/212; 249461/470; 214263/302.
5. The Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., Bombay House, Bruce St. Fort, Bombay, 15 First Preference Shares Nos: P—13690; 5741/43; 10709; 33518; 28067/-69; 5069, 30314/18. 5 Second Preference Shares Nos: SP—175566/70.
6. The Indian Wood Products Co. Ltd., 8, Clive St., Calcutta. 100 Ordinary Shares Nos: 55501 to 55600.
7. The New Great Eastern Spg. & Wvg., Co. Ltd., 12-14, Churchgate St. Fort, Bombay. 5 Preference Shares Nos: 3697 to 3701
8. The Central Bank of India Ltd., Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, 36 Ordinary Shares Nos: 553906/925; 789706/715; 943126/130; 680017.

SHARES STANDING IN THE JOINT NAMES OF MRS. ANGELA DA ROCHA HEREDIA AND MRS. IRENE ANN HEREDIA:

1. Alageswar Estate Ltd., Rayavaram, Pudokkotai State. 1000 Ordinary Shares Nos: 40851 to 41850.

SHARES STANDING IN THE JOINT NAMES OF JAMES NATHANIEL HEREDIA AND MRS. IRENE ANN HEREDIA.

1. Balrampur Sugar Co., Ltd., P. O. Box 21, Cawnpore. 100 Ordinary Shares Nos: 247162/261.
2. The Indian Wood Products Co. Ltd., 8, Clive St., Calcutta. 100 Ordinary Shares Nos: 104001/100.
3. The India United Mills Co. Ltd. E. D. Sassoon Bldg., Ballard Estate, Bombay. 200 Ordinary shares Nos: 899751/850; 1632851/950.

SHARES STANDING IN THE NAME OF DR. MANOEL AGOSTINHO DA HEREDIA (DECD).

1. The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. Bombay House, Bruce St. Fort Bombay. 1 Ordinary Share No. O—167574 (duplicate).

SHARES STANDING IN THE NAME OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA LTD.

1. The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. Bombay House, Bruce St. Fort Bombay, 10 Ordinary Shares Nos: 055000; 161004/007; 35681/682; 69873, 96049 and 84173.

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SHREE SAJJAN MILLS LIMITED

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Allotment letter No. 142 dated the 17th day of September 1946 in respect of Shares Nos. 13238 and 13239 of Shree Sajjan Mills Limited standing in the name of Fidahusein Budhabhoy has been lost or mislaid and that the Undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of Share Certificates for the said Shares.

Any person in possession of the said Allotment Letter and/or having any claim to the said Shares should notify to and lodge such Claim with the Company, at its Registered Office, at 28 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof, after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and deliver the Share Certificates if they think fit.

Dated this tenth day of Sept. 1948.

FIDAHUSEIN BUDHABHOY
Signature of the Shareholder

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the Controller of Stores' Office, East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta upto noon on 25th October 1948.

Tender number SP/F/Eb2/WB-137 for supply of 4000 Cotters Minor Assembly complete to DCME/E. I. R. Lillooah Drg. No WB-137 Alt 3.

Tender forms with full particulars may be obtained from the Office of the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, on payment of Rs. 2/- per copy to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order.

Copy of drawing No. WB-137, WB-100, WB-106, WB-311, WB-306/B. WB-135 may be purchased from the office of the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, E.I.R. Lillooah at Rs. -/8/- per copy on production of the receipt granted by the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta. Firms outside Calcutta should remit the cost of the drawing to the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, E.I.R. Lillooah direct by money order.

No refund is permissible.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the Controller of Stores' Office and then put into the Tender Box, outside the Controller of Stores' room by the Tenderer or his representatives.

Tenderers and representatives may present themselves at the time of opening of the tender in the room of Deputy Controller of Stores.

Controller of Stores

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta upto noon on 20th October 1948.

Tender number SP/A/662/K/47 for supply of cones G.M. delivery Injector 10 m/m. Spiral Injector 9 m/m and 10 m/m.

Tender forms with full particulars may be obtained from the Office of the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 5/- per copy to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order.

Copy of drawing No. 1136, 1142 and 1141 may be purchased from the office of the Dy. Chief Mech. Engineer Shops E.I. Rly. Kancharapara at Re. -/8/- per copy on production of the receipt granted by the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta. Firms outside Calcutta should remit the cost of the drawing to the Dy. Chief Mech. Engineer Shops E. I. Rly. Kancharapara direct by money order.

No refund is permissible.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office and then put into the Tender Box, outside the Deputy General Manager's (Works) room by the Tenderer or his representatives.

Tenderers and representatives may present themselves at the time of opening of the tender in the room of Deputy General Manager (Works).

GENERAL MANAGER.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the Controller of Stores' Office East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta upto noon on 30th October, 1948.

Tender number SP/F/175/EVB/VB-506 for supply of Hose pipe 24" X 3.4" X 3/4" to IRS drg. No. VB-506 (current) —6000 Nos.

Tender forms with full particulars may be obtained from the Office of the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 17 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 2/- per copy to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order.

Copy of drawing No. CCC 76/48 and CCC 62/48 may be purchased from the Office of the Chief Mechanical Engineer, E. I. Rly. Calcutta at Re. 1/- per copy on production of the receipt granted by the Treasurer, East Indian Railway Calcutta. Firms outside Calcutta should remit the cost of the drawing to the Chief Mechanical Engineer, E I. Rly., Calcutta, direct by money order.

No refund is permissible.

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CONTROLLER OF STORES

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INDO-MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Cochin State) (Liability of Members Limited).

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have great pleasure in announcing that the Bank will resume its business with the help of the Government of Cochin by about the middle of September, 1948.

P. S. VISWANATHAN.
General Manager.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the Controller of Stores' Office, East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta upto noon on 25th October 1948.

Tender number SP/F/175/EVB/VB-7 for supply of Cylinder Barrel to IRS drg. No. VB-7 (Current) —90 Nos.

Tender forms with full particulars may be obtained from the Office of the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 2/- per copy to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order.

No refund is permissible.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the Controller of Stores' Office and then put into the Tender Box outside the Controller of Stores room by the Tenderer or his representatives.

Tenderers and representatives may present themselves at the time of opening of the tender in the room of Deputy Controller of Stores.

CONTROLLER OF STORES

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta upto noon on 27th September, 1948.

Tender number SP/247/A for supply of 20 Nos. Built Up Crank Axles.

Tender forms with full particulars may be obtained from the office of the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 2/- per copy to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. Firms, outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order.

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CONTROLLER OF STORES

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THE OXY-CHLORIDE FLOORING PRODUCTS, LTD.

NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS and Share Register of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th to THURSDAY, the 30th September, 1948, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors
A. FATAH & CO. LTD.
A. FATAH
Managing Director,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, 7th September, 1948.

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NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of waste (hard) from The India United Mills, Ltd., No. 4 Mill and will be accepted upto 4 p.m. (S.T.) on TUESDAY, the 14th September, 1948, in their Registered Office. Tender copies can be obtained from Cotton Department, Indu House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

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BOMBAY PORT TRUST

NOTICE

CONGESTION IN BOMBAY DOCKS

APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PETROL COUPONS.

RECOGNISED CLEARING AGENTS and Firms employing motor lorries exclusively for clearance of cargo from the Docks, carrying of stevedoring gear, ships' stores and material for the repair of ships may submit applications to the undersigned for the grant of additional coupons for green petrol. Such applications should clearly state the purposes for which the petrol is required and the volume of business performed in the Docks by each lorry.

Applications may also be submitted by recognised firms of ship repairers for coupons for petrol for electric welding plant, pneumatic rivetters etc. The coupons available are limited and no guarantee can be given that coupons will be issued to every individual applicant.

F. SEYMOUR WILLIAMS,
Docks Manager.
Bombay Port Trust.
Ballard Road.

9-9-48.

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AUCTION SALES

IN ACCORDANCE with section 167 of the Sea Custom Act 1878 under instruction from the Collector of Customs, Bombay MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on Friday the 10th September 1948 at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the New Custom House, Ballard Road, confiscated cotton piece-goods of different varieties, jari, jewellery, brass scrap etc.

AUCTION SALE OF THE RIGHTS of exhibition, distribution and exploitation of Seven English Pictures, which was to take place TODAY Friday, 10th Inst. has been postponed until further notice.

AUCTION SALE of Structures for Demolition including 48 Barracks, Garrages, Store Sheds, Cook Houses etc. on Thursday, 16th Inst. at 11 a.m. (S.T.) at Madh Camp and Madh Camp Church and Us Timber, Tools etc. at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at M.E.S. Store Yard, Malad, near Malad Station (East) Bombay under instructions from the Garrison Engineer (West) Bombay.

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Evidence Before Linguistic Commission

Tamil Representatives Claim Madras City

MADRAS, Sept. 8. (A.P.I.): Eight more witnesses tendered evidence before the Linguistic Provinces Commission today.

Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, President, Tamilnad Congress Committee and Dr. P. Subbarayan, former Home Minister jointly explained to the Commission all the points contained in their memorandum urging for the formation of a separate Tamil province with Madras city as its capital. They pointed out that the city of Madras and Chingleput areas claimed by the Andhras formed an integral part of Tamilnad and that Andhras had come to the city like Gujeraties and Marwaris for trade and other purposes and formed only a small percentage of the population of the city.

Mr. C. R. Srinivasan Editor "Swadesmitran" giving evidence next pleaded for postponing the reconstitution of the province on a linguistic basis to a later date. His main reasons were

(1) That many Andhra districts bordered on Hyderabad state and in view of the tension that prevailed there at the moment the balance of advantage lay in avoiding issues which might weaken the hands of the Government at a time of crisis.

(2). That every additional strain on the economic structure now exposed to multifaced risks would have a cumulative effect whose range and reaction it was difficult to foresee: and

(3) that linguistic viable units would be easier to create if the process of integration on the state front now developing fast, was allowed a little more time to mature. For these reasons he said, there was a growing body of opinion in responsible circles willing to delay but not to deny the claims of linguistic provinces.

As regards Madras city, Mr. Srinivasan said that the claim of Andhras to the city was unsustainable either on the basis of language or on the basis of contiguity.

Mr. K. R. Karanth (Karnataka) Dr. D.S. Ramachandra Rao (Andhra) and Mr. C. K. M Govindan Nair (Malabar) tendering evidence before the Commission pleaded for the early formation of their respective province for the purpose of efficient administration. Representatives of Karnataka and Malabar particularly emphasised that there should be simultaneous division of the province on linguistic basis and that the claim of any one linguistic area should not be given preference over others.

Mr. S. Ramasawamy Naidu former Sheriff of Madras, and Mr. R. Krishnamurthy, Editor 'Kalki' expressed the hope that the formation on linguistic provinces would remove all causes for bickering and promote good relationship among the people of South India.

LINGUISTIC PROVINCES MOVE

Kerala P. C. C's Reply To Questionnaire

CALICUT, Sept 8 (API): The Kerala Provincial Congress Committee at a meeting held last evening Mr. K. Kelappan presiding, recorded answers to the questionnaire sent by the Linguistic Provinces Commission and authorised a deputation to submit them.

The Committee also held that so far no contact between Ministers and Congress Committees was established to find remedies for the various complaints arising out of administration, although such contacts had been urged by the Congress President. The Committee, therefore, requested the Congress High Command and the Government of Madras to establish closer contact between ministries and provincial Congress Committees.

The Committee expressed regret and concern over the retention of French and Portuguese possessions in India after the British had left and declared that at a critical stage like the present such Governments would be detrimental to the defence of India. While the Committee expressed satisfaction at the decision of the French Government to conduct a plebiscite to decide the future of its territories in India, it noted with regret that Government were placing obstacles in free voting by the citizens. It therefore, appealed to the residents of French India to support the Mahajana Sabha candidates in the elections.

MYSORE MUSLIMS SUPPORT UNION

Assure Support Any Action Against Hyderabad

BANGALORE, Septemoer 8. (API): The annual session of the All Mysore State Muslim League was held yesterday and it reelected Mohammed Sheriff, Minister for Health to the Government of Mysore, as President of the League. The session adopted a number of resolutions. One declared that the state Muslims "will support the Dominion Government in whatever action they choose fit to take in settlement of the question of Hyderabad." The resolution also viewed with great concern the present situation in Hyderabad and the growing 'deterioration in selations between the Indian Union and Hyderabad."

Another resolution urging the Mysore Government to take suitable measures immediately to lessen the rigour of law preventing cow slaughter and permit Muslims in the state to enjoy their religious right was also adopted.

SURAT, Sept 8 (API.) A conference of Gujerat and Sourashtra Labour Unions will meet at Nadiad on September 12 under the auspices of the Indian National Trade Union Congress.

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Hightide: 05-06 16-35
Lowtide: 11-06 23-12

Today's Engagements

"GYMKHANA": The Parsi social drama written by Mr. D. N. Dastur and directed by Mr. S. Kerawala, exposing the evils of drinking, gamboling etc. will be staged at the Excelsior Theatre, on Sunday (Sept. 12) at 9-15 a.m.

DYEING AND PRINTING WORKER'S UNION: Meeting of workers representatives of the Dyeing and Printing trade to-day at 6-30 p.m. at Tamrind House, 2nd. Floor, Left Wing, Tamrind Lane, Fort.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION: Mahamahopadhyaya, Dr. P. V. Kane, Vice Chancellor, University of Bombay will address the Commerce Graduates at the reception function to new graduates to-day at 6-15 p.m. at Indian Merchants Chamber Hall Opp. Churchgate station. Principals S. K. Muranjan and L. N. Wellingker will also speak. Shri J. C. Setalwad the President of the Association will preside.

RADICAL STUDENTS UNION: Lecture on "The Crisis of our Time" by Prof. G. D. Parikh, at the University Convocation Hall, Fort.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Jehangir Wadia Bldg. Flora Fountain: Public Study Class on the subject of 'Brahmanical Cycles' 6-15 p.m. to-day.

F.S.U.: Friends of the Soviet Union will show the Soviet film "Spring Song" and a documentary "From Barents to the Black Sea" at the Plaza, Dadar, B.B. & C.I. at 10 a.m. on Sunday (12th September 1948).

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA: The accountant writes: advise having received a telegram from our Head Office as follows:—Directors have declared interim dividend for the current year of 6 per cent actual subject to income tax dividend payable 1st October."

Loans To Displaced Persons

The Rehabilitation Finance Administration, Theatre Communication Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi, has started granting loans to displaced persons, and already advances aggregating Rs. 1,34,000 have been sanctioned.

Radio

BOMBAY, Friday.

244 m. (1231 kcs): 7-30 a.m. Tajbegum 7-40 News M. 7-50 News G. 8-0 News E. 8-15 News H. 8-30 Azam Bai 12-0 p.m. Mahila Mandal 12-45 News M. 12-50 News G. 12-55 Malhar 1-25 News H. 1-30 News E. 1-40 Lunch Hour 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Sunderlal Soni (Sitar Vadan) 5-15 Jantar Mantar 5-45 News K. 6-0 News E. 6-10 News H. 6-15 P. S. Dixit 6-30 W. S. Vachhani 6-45 Jari to Shant Lajja Dhar 7-0 Topic of the day 7-10 Local announcements and weather Report 7-15 Sunderlal Soni (Sitar) 7-30 Mazi Manaspurtra 7-45 Vinodini Dixit 8-0 Bhajo Bhakta Ane Khabardar 8-15 News G. 8-30 Taj Begum 8-45 For the Universities (Talk in English) 9-0 News E. 9-15 News H. 9-30 BBC News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Azambai 10-15 Bhurjee Khan

VARIATIONS

41.44 m. (1231 kcs) 7-40 a.m. Naten Aur Qawwaliyan 5-45 W. S. Vachhani 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 61.48 m. (4.880 kcs) 7-45 Commercial News 8-0 Manisha Gajjar 8-15 P. S. Dixit 9-0 Bhurjee Khan 10-0 An American Sketch Book.

GRANT TO PAY ARREARS OF TEACHERS

Corporation Sanctions Rs. 5,75,000 To Schools Committee

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The earlier decision of the Bombay Municipal Standing Committee, sanctioning a sum of rupees two lakhs to pay off the arrears of the revised salaries of Municipal school teachers, was revised at a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation held on Thursday afternoon, when a demand for Rs. 5,75,000 was passed.

Mr. Ganpati Shankar Desai, Chairman of the Standing Committee, moved a resolution for obtaining the Corporation's sanction to the decision of the Standing Committee.

Mr. Nathalal Parekh, moved an amendment that Rs. 5,75,000 be granted by the House.

Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha, raised a point of order whether it was within the competence of the House to make an additional grant without referring the matter back to the Standing Committee.

He said that it was not until a notice of strike was served by the teachers that the Municipal Congress Party had come forth to grant Rs. 5,75,000.

Mr. K. F. Nariman, speaking on the point of order said that it was the inherent right of the House to reconsider any grant made by the Standing Committee.

Mr. S. K. Patil, stated that if the grant was sought to be made by a fresh resolution without referring the matter to the Standing Committee, then it would be out of order, but since a recommendation had already been made by the Standing Committee for Rs. 2 lakhs, it was quite in order for the House to increase the grant to Rs. 5,75,000.

The Mayor, Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, ruled that the amendment was in order, under Sec. 131 of the Bombay Municipal Act.

It was put to vote and carried.

Earlier a resolution seeking to make the Municipal Commissioner slow down the process of removal of projections in stalls moved by Mr. A. H. Mirza, was sought to be withrawn by the mover. The withdrawal was defeated by a three-fourths majority.

When the resolution was put to vote, however, it was rejected as the Municipal Commissioner Mr. R. K. Patel, assured the House, that if it was left to his discretion he would see that the purpose of the resolution would be carried out in spirit. He did not want his hands to be tied down.

PLEADERS ACT AND INTEGRATED STATES

Application Deferred Till Next Year

It has been represented to the Government that the application of the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920, the Indian Bar Councils Act, 1926, and the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879, to the areas of the States that have been integrated with the Bombay Province will cause certain hardships to the pleaders practicing in the courts of these States.

The Government feels that the difficulties put-forth by the pleaders in the integrated States are real and that it would be proper to defer the application of the three Acts, to those States to a future date, in order to give sufficient time for making the necessary adjustments. Orders have been issued amending the Indian States (Application of Laws) Orders, so as to make the above mentioned Acts applicable from January 1 next.

BOMBAY SPIRITUALISTS' MEETING

Simultaneously with the inauguration of the International Spiritualists' Congress in London on 4th September, spiritualists in Bombay held a meeting in the Blavatsky Hall. Dr. Fram D. Nasikvala presided on the occasion and Mr. V. D. Rishi spoke on "International Spiritualism". He gave a brief survey of the movement all over the world and deplored the apathy of the people in India. Mr. W. Baretto from Burma and Mr. F. Bassett from Mauritius also narrated their experiences about spiritualism.

A message was inspirationally received by the President urging for more enthusiastic efforts and greater co-operation with the spiritualists in other countries.

Bombay Govt's Measure To Protect People's Legitimate Rights

A legislative measure is proposed by the Government of Bombay to stop the practice of excommunication. A Bill has been prepared making excommunication of members of any community void. An act amounting to, or in furtherance of, excommunication has been made punishable with a fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000.

The statement of objects and reasons of the Bombay Prevention of Excommunication Act, 1948, which is published in the Bombay Government Gazette of Septemebr 9 says:

There is a practice among certain communities of excommunicating its members which often results in depriving individuals of their rights and privileges which are legally enforceable by them as such members. Although excommunication is not widely prevalent, it is still necessary in keeping with the changing times and in the public interest to provide against the evil which potentially exists. The Bill is intended to stop the illegal deprivation of legitimate rights of the individuals in this manner.

Traffic Rules For Ganpati Immersion Days

In view of the closure of certain roads to vehicular traffic and the regulation of vehicular traffic from Walkeshwar and Cumballa Hill to the Fort and vice versa on September 11 and 17 next, Ganpati Immersion Days, the public proceeding to or from the North of the Island are advised to proceed via Mahomedalli Road and Parel Road, instead of Queen's Road and Hughes Road. They are also advised against using Marine Drive between the hours of 7-30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on those days as that road will be closed to traffic.

Enquiries Regarding Postal Articles

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): In regard to postal articles posted in India for delivery in Pakistan or vice-versa, enquiries may be addressed direct by the senders to offices concerned in either Dominion, states a notification. Where any fee is payable for such enquiries, may be paid by means of postage stamps valid in the Dominion in which the sender (or applicant) resides. This arrangement will remain in force upto December 31, 1948.

RASHTRABHASHA EXAMINATION

Shri Rameshwardayal Dube, M. A., Sahitya Ratna, the Parikshamantri informs that 73350 examinees are appearing from various centres in Assam, Bengal, Orissa, Vidharbha Nagpur, Bombay Ajmer and Gujrath in the ensuing Rashtrabhasha examinations to be held on 18th and 19th inst. 26657 examinees appeared in these examinations in September 1946 and in 1947 the number rose to 42121.

OPTED FOR PAKISTAN NOW STRANDED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The office of the District Traffic Superintendent, B.B & C.I. Railway was the scene of a demonstration this afternoon by 100 men who claimed to be former employees of the railway. It is stated that these men had opted for Pakistan, but having come back from there, asked to be reinstated. They were told that the D.T.S. could do nothing in the matter and anyhow their places had already been filled up by refugees from Pakistan.

Blue Airmail Envelopes And Letter Forms

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): Blue airmail envelopes for 2-1/2 annas and air letter-forms for 2 annas will be made available to the public on September 15 at all principal post offices in India. They will be available at other post offices also from October 1, 1948 says a Press Note.

Two Years' R. I. And Fine Of Rs. 40,000 For Profiteering

BOMBAY, Thursday.—Minoo B. Vachha, a city businessman and a partner of Messrs Saifee Trading Company, Reay Road, Bombay, was sentenced to undergo two years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 40,000 or in default to a further period of 16 months R.I. on a charges of profiteering in yarn by Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court, today.

Abdul Wahab Suleman, a jobber in the same firm, who was the other accused in the case, was sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500 or in default to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment.

According to the prosecution, on September 25, 1947, Abdul Wahab sold to a bogus customer sent by the Police one bale of yarn at Rs. 800 as against the controlled price of Rs. 488/12. It was alleged that he sold the yarn under instructions from Minoo Vachha.

In passing the sentence, the Magistrate observed, "I think the persons who indulge in such activities at a time when the country is passing through a crisis are to be treated as traitors and they must be deprived of their liberty and ill-gotten wealth."

Stolen From Bombay Recovered In U.P.

Ninety-four tolas of gold, worth Rs. 50,000, were dug up from underground in a United Provinces village by the B'bay police when they raided a house there and arrested 2 persons, said to be connected with the theft of 50 pounds of gold from the Tata Air India Freight Office, Fuller, Road Bombay, on the night of November 19 last year.

Nawbat Sherman, a sweeper in the Air India Freight Office, was traced by the city police to his native village of Rasoli on August 8 after intensive investigation based on information that Sherman and some others, allegedly connected in the case, were hiding in U. P. When an open place near his house was dug up, Rs. 50,000 worth gold was recovered.

Ajodhyaparsad a goldsmith of the village was also arrested along with Nawbat Sherman and both of them were brought to Bombay on September 4.

They were ordered to be remanded in custody till September 23 by Mr. K. J. Khambatta Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, today.

Jewellery Worth Rs. 19,800 Stolen

On a charge of housebreaking and theft of jewellery worth Rs. 19,800 Francis Misquita, Kalika Khilwan and Arjun Ambaji were arrested by the Gamdevi Police on September 9.

The accused were bailed out this morning at the Girgaum Court.

Police Seize 16 Gallons Of Illicit Liquor

The Bhoiwada Police in a raid at Sewri yesterday, seized 16 gallons of illicit liquor, which were stated to have been hidden in six-foot high shrubs on the beach.

Three Pathans who were alleged to have imported the liquor from Trombay were arrested at the place after a chase by police constables and members of the Prohibitions staff. They were released on bail today at the Girgaum Police Court.

Illicit Liquor Traffickers Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, Sept. 9: A gang of 14 externees from Bombay who are alleged dealing with the business of illicit liquor were arrested yesterday night by the Kalyan Police. The police also raided the place of one Abdul Latif in connection with these activities.

It is further learnt that this gang was regularly conducting the business of exporting illicit liquor supplied by the said Abdul Latif to Bombay by means of filling cycle tibes with liquor. The Police have recovered seven gallons of illicit liquor from the house of Abdul Latif in a village Kon a border village between Kalyan and Bhiwandi Talukas.

Madras Action Against Lahore Weekly

The Government of Madras has issued a Notification under section 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies of the issue of July 4, 1948 of the Urdu weekly, "Nawa-I-Pakistan", printed and published in Lahore.

Action Taken Against Allahabad Magazine

The Government of the United Provinces has issued a Notification under Section 99-A of the Criminal Procedure Code declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies of the July issue of the Hindi monthly magazine, 'Maya', of Allahabad.

WEATHER

'QUAKE SHOCK RECORDED

POONA, Sept. 9 (API.) Following is the daily weather summary for Thursday, the 9th September 1948

Observations from the United Provinces and the Central parts of the country are rather meager.

Yesterday's extended 'low' is persisting over the region from the west United Provinces to the northeast Central Provinces.

Rainfall has been fairly widespread over the region from the West United Provinces and the north Central Provinces to Chota Nagpur and Gangetic West Bengal and local in Assam, Bihar, the Konkan and along the North Madras Coast.

Forecast valid until the evening of 10th: Rainfall will be widespread and locally heavy in Gangetic West Bengal, Chota Nagpur, North Orissa and in and near the West Central Provinces and West Central India. There will also be local rainfall in Assam, Bihar, the East Central Provinces, the United Provinces, East Rajputana and the Konkan. Weak monsoon conditions will prevail elsewhere.

Earthquake report: An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin with epicentre at about 17200 miles away from Poona was recorded by the seismographs in the meteorological office, Poona at 20 hours 58 minutes I.S.T. on Wednesday, the 8th September 1948.

Weather Chart

POONA, Sept. 9 (API.) Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 8th September 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours I.S.T on Thursday the 9th September 1948:—

Ahmedabad 86 77 0 8.1 minus 16.5
Ahmednagar 83 68 0 16.0 plus 2.0
BOMBAY 88 77 1.1 57.0 minus 3.3
Calcutta 88 79 0.8 42.4 plus 1.7 Cuttack 89 80 0 41.4 plus 2.1 Delhi 86 76 0.2 29.6 plus 10.7 Lucknow 87 77 1.2 38.3 plus 7.2 Madras 95 78 0 8.5 minus 3. Nagpur 82 74 0.5 30.1 minus 7.6 Poona 87 68 0 14.1 minus 1.8 Shillong 75 61 0.8 63.8 plus 16.3 Sholapur 95 70 0.1 19.0 plus 3.7.

Scanty Water Supply In Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Sept. 9 (A.P.I.): "Owing to shortage of rain the supply of water to the city is getting scanty", Mr. M. C. Shah told pressmen today.

He said: "The supply of water has dwindled down from over two crore gallons per day at this time last year to about 187 lakhs gallons per day at present and will further dwindle down to about one crore gallons per day by December.

The situation in many parts of the district is also getting worse, and they have been declared scarcity areas. The Collector has gone to Ghogho town where there is acute shortage of drinking water, besides failure of crops.

VIOLENT 'QUAKE SHOCK IN NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON, Sept. 9 (Reuter):—A particularly violent earthquake—probably under the sea off the Tong Group (the Friendly Islands) 1,000 miles to the north-east of New Zealand was recorded at the Dominion Observatory, Wellington, today. The seismograph was disturbed for over 4 hours.

WEEK'S FILM FARE

LOIS MAXWELL is starred in Warner Bros. picture "The Big Punch", which comes to REGAL this week.

STIRRING ADVENTURE-DRAMA

"Betu Geste" At The Metro

Gary Cooper ably seconded by Ray Milland and Robert Preston, and supported by a cast of noted players, has the most adventure-filled role of his career in Paramount's lusty, roaring new filmization of "Beau Geste". In the picture which opens today at the Metro Theatre, Cooper will be seen in the title role, as the eldest of a trio of gallant brothers, who, because each does not wish the others trought guilty of stealing a fabulously valuable sapphire from their guardian, join the French Foreign Legion. Soldiers all, loyal as only brothers can be, they endure the hardships of the legion with a smile bearing the brutal treatment of a mad sergeant who is determined to wrest the gem from them, protecting the secret of who stole the jewel with their lives, their honour, their fighting hearts.

Milland and Preston are seen as the younger "Geste" brothers, "John" and "Digby" respectively. Brian Donlevy, Susan Hayward, J. Carrol Naish, Donald O'Connor and James Stephenson are among the supporting cast. The picture was produced and directed by William A. Wellman who will be remembered for the thrill-filled "Men with Wings".

EXHILARATING SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT

"Gentleman's Agreement" Comes At Strand

The tremendous impact of Laura Z. Hobson's "Gentleman's Agreement", which took the literary world by storm, has been translated into exciting and exhilarating screen entertainment, glittering with the brilliance of performances by Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and John Garfield. Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck, who gave the screen "The Grapes of Wrath", "How Green Was My Valley" and "Wilson", "Gentleman's Agreement" which is the current attraction at the Strand, was directed by Elia Kazan from the distinguished screen play by Moss Hart.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

METRO— Paramount's "Welcome Stranger", 10 A. M.
REGAL—"The Unfaithful", with Ann Sheridan, Lew Ayres and Zachary Scott, 10 A. M.
BANDRA—"Random Harvest", featuring Ronald Colman and Greer Garson, 10-30 A. M.
PARADISE—"Blue Skies", featuring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. 10-30 A. M.

ROMANCE OF BOXING RING

"The Big Punch" Comes To Regal

Wayne Morris is back, punching hard! This popular star, now assuming fuller stature in the dramatic field, tops the cast assembled for Warner Bros. hard-driving drama, "The Big Punch", which is set to follow in next at the Regal Theatre starting on Friday. Together with Morris are two promising newcomers to the Warner roster: Lois Maxwell and Gordon MacRae, the latter coming direct from radio stardom.

In "The Big Punch", Morris gives up the chance to make a fortune in the boxing ring in order to serve in the pulpit. He briefly dons the gloves, however, in one scene to spar with MacRae. It is a red-blooded role and affords the personable star a bright chance for histrionics.

MacRae, who hails from Broadway musicals, records and radio, makes his film debut in "The Big Punch". To prepare for this initial assignment, MacRae went under the tutelage of Mushy Challahan, former junior welterweight champion of the world, to achieve realistic fighting tricks for his part. Though basically a singer of popular songs, MacRae debuts in a straight dramatic role here.

Canadian-born Lois Maxwell supplies the love interest in the picture opposite Wayne Morris.

DOROTHY McGUIRE and GREGORY PECK are the romantic leads in the Darryl F. Zanuck production of "Gentleman's Agreement", which opens at the Strand today.

BANDRA

"Down Argentine Way" (in technicolor) featuring Carmen Miranda and Don Ameche, will be screened at this theatre from Saturday to Tuesday and "You Were Meant For Me", featuring Jeanne Crain and Dan Daily, will be screened from Wednesday to Friday.

PARADISE

From Friday to Monday, the film "Fury at Furnace Greek", featuring Victor Mature and Colleen Gray will be screened at this theatre, while from Tuesday to Thursday, the picture "The Gold Rush" starring Charlie Chaplin" will be screened.

A SOVIET FILM

'Spring Song' At Plaza

The Bombay Friends of the Soviet Union will screen the Soviet film "Spring Song" (with English titles) at Plaza, Dadar on Sunday 12th Sept. at 10 a.m.

"Spring Song" a delightful comedy dealing with the contraversy between supporters of light and classical music in a Soviet conservatory of music. Around this theme is built a story full of mirth, music and laughter. The film not only gives you some of the best Soviet and European music but also provides a striking contrast with the Hdllywood musical films.

Along with the main film will also be shown a short war film "From Barentz to the Black Sea" (with commentary in English).

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VAITARNA-TANSA SCHEME

Corporation Directed To Invite Fresh Tenders

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati.)
Govind Laxman Sawant ...Petitioner.
Versus
1. The Municipal Corporation of Bombay.
2. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner ..... Respondents.

His Lordship allowed this petition under the Specific Relief Act and ordered that the respondents do forbear from concluding and executing contracts with Messrs. Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd., in connection with the Vaitarna-cum-Tansa scheme of the Bombay Municipality, and directed the respondents to invite fresh and proper tenders for the work.

The Municipal Commissioner had, in compliance with section 72 (1) of the City Municipal Act, advertised for three tenders for the work of providing embankment and doing other work for the new pipe-line from Tansa involved in the above scheme. In response to this advertisement, three parties submitted tenders—Messrs. Raoji Sojpal and Sons whose aggregate for the three tenders was Rs. 72,94,055, Messrs. Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd., with an aggregate of Rs. 7,229,394, and a third firm which quoted for one of the three tenders only. The tenders of Messrs. Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd., were accepted by the Standing Committee on the recommendation of the Commissioner and approved by the Corporation, subject to an increase of Rs. 30,000 in respect of item left out for which a separate quotation had been submitted by them later on on their attention being drawn by the Commissioner, and also subject to the condition submitted by them along with the tenders to the effect that the rates were to be suitably adjusted in case of variation of the current rates of materials, sales-tax and labour.

The petitioner contended that the Commissioner acted beyond his authority in writing to and accepting a further tender from the Hindustan Construction Co., Ltd., for Rs. 30,000 after the closing date, and that the acceptance of the tenders with the condition as to variation of rates was illegal and "ultra vires" the Municipal Act. The petitioner submitted that if allowance was made for the item of rock excavation quoted by Messrs. Raoji Sojpal and Sons in their tender, it would be found that their tenders were the lowest. As a rate-payer and voter of the Bombay Municipality, he therefore filed this petition contending that if the contract was executed with the Hindustan Construction Co., Ltd. it might involve the rate-payers into liability the nature of which could not be ascertained at present.

RESPONDENTS OBJECTION REJECTED.

Rejecting a preliminary objection raised on behalf of the respondents, after referring to a large number of authorities both English and Indian, His Lordship held that even if a rate-payers enjoyed a right in common with other rate-payers, he had sufficient specific legal right of his own in the municipal fund to enable him to maintain a petition under section 45 of the Specific Relief Act.

His Lordship rejected the petitioner's contention that the tender of the Hindustan Co. should not have been accepted because the rates quoted by them were based on the condition that the entire work covered by all the three tenders would be entrusted to them. His Lordship stated that the Court would not speculate that if the tenders had not been invited separately the rates quoted would have been substantially different. His Lordship also rejected the petitioner's contention that the further quotation submitted by the Hindustan Co. in respect of two items left out amounted to a new tender being submitted after the closing date. In His Lordship's opinion it merely amounted to a clarification or elaboration of the original tenders.

PATIONER'S CONTENTION UPHELD

His Lordship, however, upheld the petitioner's contention that the tenders submitted by the Hindustan Co. were no tenders at all because they were subject to the condition that the rates were to be suitably adjusted in case of variation of the current rates of materials, sales-tax and labour. His Lordship referred to section 70 (1) (b) of the City Municipal Act under which no contract could be entered into by the Municipality which would involve an expenditure exceeding Rs. 500 were specified. His Lordship was of opinion that the acceptance of the condition imposed by the Hindustan Co. as to variation of rates would mean that the price was not specified as required by law. His Lordship therefore held that the acceptance of the tenders submitted by the Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd was unauthorized and unwarranted by the terms of sections 70 (1) (b) and 72 (2) of the Municipal Act was "ultra vires" and illegal. In the result His Lordship granted the reliefs prayed for by the petitioner and directed the respondents to pay his costs of the petition.

The Advocate-General Mr. M. P. Amin, Mr. Purshottum Tricumdas and Mr. R. M. Kantawalla instructed by Messrs. Sunkersett and Vaidya appeared for the petitioner.

Mr. Y. B. Rege and Mr. S. S. Rangnekar instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley and Co. appeared for the respondents.

ANOTHER PETITIONER.

Another petition filed by one Ramchandra A. Gole in respect of the same tenders and for the same reliefs was dismissed by His Lordship with costs because the petitioner in that case was not a rate-payer of the Municipality but merely a rent payer and therefore had not sufficient interest in the municipal fund to maintain the petition, and because prior to filing the petition no demand for justice had been made by him to the Municipality which had been denied by it.

German Support To European Parliament

BONN, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Declaration in favour of a United European Parliament was made in the Constituent Assembly here today by Dr. Heuss, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party in Western Germany, who said: "We are prepared to renounce part of our sovereignty in favour of European community".

"We are impressed by the French proposal for a European Assembly", Dr. Heuss told the Assembly, which is meeting to draw up a constitution for Western Germany.

"We would welcome such a European conversation among Parliamentarians and would hope that the meeting of French and German representatives on common grounds might also ease the problem of the Saar".

Jap Government Jails Tax-Evaders

TOKYO, Sept. 8 (UPA): The Japanese Government is jailing tax-evaders for the first time in the nation's history, said Henry Shavell, Allied Headquarters tax consultant today. The first evader sentenced, he said, was Kennosuke Hori, an inn-keeper, who received a two-month prison term and a 400,000 yen fine for withholding 392,000 yen, or 1,440 dol. from his 1947 income tax return.

CANBERRA, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Mr. C. Chambers, Australian Army Minister, today defended from parliamentary attacks Mr. Massey Stanley, an Australian journalist who helped to compile a report for the Government on blackmarket activities in Japan involving Australians.

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SMUGGLING LIQUOR TO BOMBAY

14 Externees Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)
KALYAN, Sept. 9.

A gang of 14 externees from Bombay who are smuggling illicit liquor to Bombay were arrested yesterday night by the Kalyan Police Sub-Inspector Mr. Deshpande and also raided the place of one Abdul Latiff who it is understood is also involved in supplying illicit liquor to the externees from Bombay.

It is further learnt that this gang was regularly conducting their operations or supplying illicit liquor by the said Abdul Latiff and exporting it to Bombay. The modus operandi supply was filling cycle tubes with liquor. The Police have recovered several gallons of illicit liquor in the house of Abdul Latif at a village Kon about 2 miles from Kalyan a border village between Kalyan and Bhiwandi Talukas. Abdul Latiff was also taken into custody. There are many persons it is alleged who are carrying on such operation in this city.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation

NEW DELHI, Sept. 8 (API): A notification in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) of September 6, announces a change in the list of members nominated by the Central Government on the Employees' State Insurance Corporation.

Mr. S. Lal, Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Government of India is now included in this group, while the name of Mr. N. S. Mankiker, Chief Adviser of Factories, has been deleted.

Gopalaswamy Elected To Madras Assembly

TRICHY, September 8, (API): Mr L. N. Gopalaswamy (Congress) was today declared elected to the Madras Lagislative Assembly in the bye-election from the Trichy-Karur rural constituency, defeating his rival candidate Mr. Ratna Gounder (Independent).

Three other candidates Mr. Venugopal Pillai, Mr. Muthuveeran Pillai (both independents) and Mr. Perumalswamy (Scheduled Castes Federation) forfeited their deposits since they failed to secure the requisite number of votes.

Dr. Ramanathan

POONA, Sept. 8 (API): Dr. K. R. Ramanathan, Indian metereologist and physicist and until recently Deputy Director of Metereological Services in India, has been elected as one of the two vice-presidents of the International Association of Metereology, according to information received here.

Dr. Ramanathan attended last month the meetings of the International Union of Geophysics and Geodesy held at Oslo in Norway as one of India's representatives.

COCHIN GOES TO POLLS

ERNAKULAM, September 9, (API): The People of Cachin went to the polls yesterday to elect a new legislature for the state.

In Ernakulam, the capital of Cochin, there was heavy polling in almost all the booths, the percentage ranging from 50 to 60.

The Cochin State Prajamandal and the Cochin State People's Congress are the main contestants with almost an equal number of candidates while the independents also have many candidates. The Socialists and Communists had boycotted the elections.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP FOR JAIPUR

JODHPUR, Sept. 9.

The Provincial Board of Rajputana for organizing volunteers for the next Congress Session met in Jodhpur under the chairmanship of Shri Jai Narainji Vyas, General Officer Commanding All-India Congress Committee. Representatives from Jaipur, Rajasthan and Matsya attended. The members decided to open an Officers' Training Camp at Jaipur from the 15th inst.

Similar Regional Camps for Junior Officers will be opened in other States. There will be a special branch of lady volunteers under the charge of Shrimati Sajjan Devi of Vanasthali. Attempts are being made to get concessions for travelling over railways.

MERGER OF KOLHAPUR WITH BOMBAY URGED

KOLHAPUR, Sept. 8 (API): The Kolhapur District Congress Committee which met here under the presidentship of Mr. Ratnappa Kumbhar adopted a resolution on September 5 demanding "immediate merger of Kolhapur State with the Bombay province". it was announced today.

The resolution said: "in the absence of geographic contiguity, prevalence of bilingual population, inadequacy of natural and economic resources, small sizes and income and for such other reasons, it is obvious that Kolhapur State is incapable of maintaining its separate administrative entity as a federating unit."

The resolution also recalled that the Deccan Regional Council of the All India States' Peoples' Conference had resolved in December 1947 that all the Deccan states including Kolhapur should merge in the adjoining Bombay province.

SAURASHTRA-INDIA TELEPHONE LINK

Union Govt. To Take Over Telephone Systems

RAJKOT, Sept. 8 (API): Proposals for taking over by the Government of India of the internal telephone systems in Saurashtra are to be discussed at a conference of representatives of the Governments of India and Saurashtra to be held here on Sept. 10, it is reliably learnt.

The taking over of the telephone systems by the Government of India willl be the first step in reorganising them thoroughly and also interlinking them with the trunk lines.

Officers of the Government of India have already inspected the existing telephone systems and at the forthcoming conference are expected to submit the estimates of expenditure incurrable towards overhauling them.

INDUSTRIAL FINANCE CORPORATION FOR SAURASHTRA

RAJKOT, Sept. 9 (API): The Government of Saurashtra have under consideration a proposal to set up an Industrial Finance Corporation with a share capital of two crores of rupees.

The Corporation is proposed to be set up mainly on the model of the Central Finance Corporation. Details are being worked out in this connection.

STARVATION IN SAURASHTRA

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, September 9: An emergent meeting of the Saurashtra Cabinet was recently held at Bhavnagar to devise ways and means for grappling with the triple scarcity of food grains, fodder and water occasioned in Saurashtra by the failure of the monsoon.

Meanwhile, starvation has already begun to stalk the streets of the Wadhwan State villages. Mr. Vashram Patel, a resident of Kale, recently died of starvation. The inquiries instituted into the proximate causes of the Kale's incident conducted by Mr. Shivanandy, disclosed that there was not a grain of corn in the deceased villager's house for some time past. His neighbours were aware of his desperate plight, but were unable to lend him much needed food grain of which they themselves had long been in short supply and had consequently been keeping body and soul together with only one spare meal a day. The people of Vadla and Kariyani in the neighbourhood have likewise been reduced to short commons.

Arrangements are well under way in the worst affected villages for starting relief measures on a scale commensurate with the needs of the starving multitude in the light of the data to be distilled from the results of regional surveys conducted by the collectors of the constituent Districts of Saurashtra.

NEW DELHI Sept. 8 (API.) His Excellency Mr C Rajagopalachari, the Governor-General of India, has accepted the invitation of the All-India Fine Arts and Crafts Society, New Delhi, to be its patron-in-chief.

LOCOMOTIVES ON WAY TO INDIA

Bakhle Reviews Position Regarding Foreign Supply

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9, (U.P.I.): The first Indian built broad gauge locomotive will be on the track possibly towards the end of 1950-51 said Mr K. C. Bakhle Chief Commissioner of Railways, addressing a press conference on locomotive position in Indian Railways.

The locomotive will be built at the Government workshop which is being set up at Mihijam in West Bengal at an estimated cost of Rs. 14 crores. The workshop will start with making spare parts and then build complete locomotives at the rate of 120 per year plus 50 spare boilers.

Mr. Bakhle also disclosed that a team of 20 picked men would be sent out some time next year for undergoing intensive training in a well-known locomotive building workshop abroad. This team will come back in time to take over charge of the new workshops at Mihipam. The period of training will be about 6 months.

Recounting the success of his tour of U. K. Europe and America Mr. Bakhle said that he visited U. K. France, Belgium, Switzerland, Czecoslovakia, Hungary, Holland and U.S.A. and he succeeded in obtaining assurances of supply of 963 locomotives by 1950. This number, he said, would include 384 broad guage passenger locomotives, 265 broad guage goods, 120 meter guage passenger 183 meter guage goods and 20 narrow guage locomotives. The estimated cost of each broad guage would be about £ 31,000 or roughly Rs. 4 lakhs.

Mr. Bakhle said that the Railway Board expected to receive 146 locomotives in 1948, 455 in 1949 and 362 in 1950.

TOTAL NUMBER

An A. P. I. message says:

These would be utilised to replace the overaged locomotives in the country. The total number of locomotives that would have become overaged needing replacement by the end of 1950 would be 1,150.

Some tests were being carried out with a new model of French metre guage locomotives and if there were satisfactory India hoped to get 100 of these locomotives also during the same period thus bringing the total of locomotives expected to be available by the end of 1950 to 963.

The country would then be "shy" of 187 locomotives at the end of 1950.

Asked whether mere replacements of overaged ones would suffice to cope with the increasing needs of the country, Mr. Bakhle stated that with the replacement of the old ones by new ones, it was hoped to achieve better results than at present. The new engines could be maintained more easily, were more reliable and could be put to a greater intensity of use.

Out of the 863 locomotives, orders for 473 had already been placed by the beginning of 1948. Many of the locomotives to be delivered in 1948 were already on the high seas on their way to India.

UNESCO

Librarians From 21 Countries To Study At Unesco Seminar

Prominent librarians from twenty-one countries are meeting in Manchester at a Unesco-sponsored seminar September 2-28, to study the educational role of pubic libaries and to develop means of furthering international understanding through such institutions Unesco announced today. The seminar first of its kind on an international scale is being co-sponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and by professional library groups in the United Kingdom.

Director of the four-week summer school will be Arne Kildal, Director-General of Norwegian Libraries, who will be assisted by Charles Nowell, Director of Public Libraries in Manchester. Some fifty working librarians, more than half of them from war-devastated countries, are expected to attend the seminar to study techniques and equipment for making the public library a more effective educational medium and for developing its role in bettering mutual understanding.

Student-librarians will hear lectures and will partipate in discussion groups. Also included in the programme will be visits to libraries, exhibitions of equipment and the showing of documentary films. Each student will be expected to bring a written account of public library development in his or her own country. Study groups will be under the championship of Leon Carnovsky, Professor of Bibliography at Chicago Universty, S. A. Ranganathan, Professor of Bibliography at the University of Madras, and Charles Depasse Principal Inspector at the Ministry of Public Education of Belgium.

On September 20, the school will be transferred to London so that the students may participate during the final week in the second post-war meeting of the International Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations. Countries which will be represented at the summer school are: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Haiti, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey, Union of South Africa, Uraguay, United Kingdom, United States.

Refugee Rehabilitation In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, Sept. 9 (API): The Government of Saurashtra, it is learnt, have decided to build tenements for refugees in various towns throughout Saurashtra at a cost of 40 to 50 lakhs of rupees.

Proposals regarding this are being worked out and will be submitted to the Government of India for approval shortly.

Saurashtra Government have also decided to give land "almost free" to refugees who are financially in a position to build houses. Cement and other building materials will be made available to them.

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All tenders should be accompanied by a receipt for 10% of the total price offered, deposited as "Revenue Deposit" in favour of the Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Bombay in Reserve Imperial Bank of India or Government Treasury. Drafts on other Banks, Cheques and Cash will not be accepted.

Permits to view the stores can be had from the Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Bombay.

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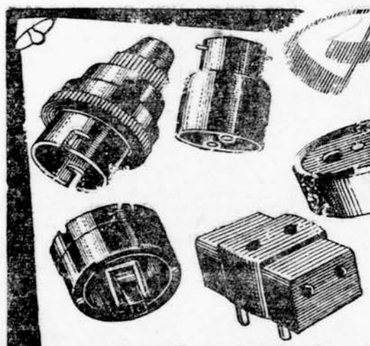
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The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

National Soccer Championship Goes Abegging!

BY J. C. MAITRA

Strange as it may seem, the National Soccer Championship is going abegging. Nobody appears to be anxious to stage it. In February last, the AIFF asked Madras to sponsor it. Failing which Mysore was requested to shoulder the responsibility. As both of them expressed their inability to meet the financial commitments entailed, the request was transferred to Bombay.

The WIFA might have helped the AIFF out of the trouble, had the request been made earlier. But after they had taken up heavy obligations in connection with the Rovers Cup, they felt that the burden might be too much for them.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

In this connection it may be pointed out that the Association staging the tournament has to pay Inter Class Railway fare to all the visiting teams and Rs. 6 per diem per player—for 16 of them—from the date they leave their respective stations till the date of their return home after the conclusion of their engagements.

In contrast with the Rovers Cup where the WIFA can pick and choose their teams, they have no such option in the case of the Inter-Provincial Tournament. Every province—whatever their standard of play—has to be entertained, if they wish to compete.

DIVISION OF PROFITS

Past experience has shown that this is not a paying proposition. On the other hand it is a losing business. And the AIFF is unable to foot the bill. The human factor has to be recognised. People won't pay to witness games if they are not worth it. Then how are you to meet the heavy expenses? There are very few associations in the country who can afford to bear the losses involved in such a transaction.

Then why not ask all the competing associations to bear their own expenses? They may be given a share of the gate-proceeds on an equitable basis. In any case, the whole question needs to be fully discussed by the AIFF. Unless a satisfactory arrangement is arrived at, the tournament is likely to halted every now and then. That will come in the way of the country's progress. For the time being, I hope the IFA will undertake to run the show for this year as well as Calcutta is the only place where it can be held without any chance of a loss.

VIJAY MERCHANT'S FITNESS

Vijay Merchant India's cricket skipper was responsible for two magnificent feats during the last few days. After bagging 12 wickets for 32 runs for his club, Fort Vijay, he went on to hit up a double century for the Hindu Gymkhana. Their intrinsic value may not be worth much, as the opposition at whose expense he claimed both the honours were not of a high calibre. But it shows that Vijay is now as fit as a fiddle. We may therefore confidently hope that he would contribute his fullest quota with the bat and the leather when the West Indies team arrives here next month. How are our other stars faring in different parts of the country? Very well I hope.

Talyarkhan Prevails Over Plucky Guha

W. I. BADMINTON

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Yet another up-country player made his exit from the Western India Badminton Tournament this evening when Bombay's Talyarkhan eliminated Bengal's Guha in a very closely fought three set encounter. Guha stole the honours of the match by drawing level after being almost hopelessly in arrears in both the games he lost to his opponent. In the first he was down at 6-13 and again at 11-14 yet he drew level at 14 and forged into a lead of one point before he relinquished it to his opponent at 15-17. Once again in the decider he drew level after being in arrears at 0-10 and 9-12, but once again failed to clinch the issue over the extra points.

The weak serving and imperfect tossing of the Bombay player was to a large measure responsible for his failure to take advantage of a big lead in the first and the tossing perfectly himself, but found his weak and unprotected back-hand letting him down as Talyarkhan systematicaly attacked this weak flank and forced him to concede points.

After appearing to be well-set for victory with an easily won first set Koppikar and Thackersey went down to Shroff and Ferreira in the decider. The winners took time to settle down, both being slightly erratic, but in the second and third games their understanding and control improved and they seldem appeared to be in any difficulty thereafter.

The results:

Men's Singles

J. Charanjit beat M. S. Patil 15-8, 15-10; Davinder Mohan beat E. M. Fernandes 15-3, 1 5-1; S. L. Jaini beat V. A. Madgaonkar 6-15, 15-13, 15-2; G. Lewis beat P. S Nilkant 15-2, 15-6; H. K. Talyarkhan beat M. Guha 17-15, 10-15, 17-15.

Men's Doubles

R. M. Dongre and M. Mangalvedekar beat L. R. Agaskar and V. C. Ratkar 13-18, 17-14, 15-11; H. Ferreira and B. D. Shroff beat B. P. Koppikar and P. M. D. Thackersey 5-15, 15-7, 15-11; K. M. Rangnekar and S. R. Ruia beat Lalia and Ahuja 15-4, 15-6; P. V. Kulkarni and S. G. Pendurkar beat I. A. G. Moloobhoy and P. N. Cambatta 17-15, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles

Miss H. N. Dubash and S. S. Nerurkar beat Mrs. Rao and C. B. Kalappa 15-6, 15-5; Miss S. Nigudkar and G. P. Shirke beat Mrs Gazdar and J Charanjit 15-4, 15-10; Miss B. Farias and H. Ferreira beat Miss Varde and P. D. Raut 15-7, 15-7; Miss S. S. Phansalkar and A. G. Kalyanpurkar beat Miss S. Khoranna and R. R. Desai 15-11, 15-8; Miss S Moloobhoy and S. Dinker Rao beat Miss P. D. Shroff and S. L. Jaini 15-12, 15-8.

Friday's Matches:—

COURT NO. 1. 5-30 B. R. Agaskar vs J. Gharanjit; 5-50 H. K. Talyarkhan vs G. Lewis; 6-10 M. W. Dukle & N. W. Dukle vs P. V. Kulkarni & S. G. Pendurkar; 6-30 R. A. Dongre & M. Mangalvedekar vs M. Guha & S. Bose; 6-50 A. G. Kalyanpurkar & S. S. Kalyanpurkar vs S. S. Nerurkar & T. Fernandes; 7-10 H. Ferreira & P. D. Shroff vs J. Charanjit & S. L. Jaini;

COURT NO. 2. 5-30 R. G. Kalyanpurkar vs B. D. Shroff; 5-50 H. Ferreira vs S. L. Jaini 6-10 S. R. Ruia & K. M. Ragnekar vs Ashok Nath & Prakash Nath 6-30 G. P. Shirke & S. Dinker Rao vs R. B. Bhargava & S. E. Patel; 6-50 M. S. Patil & M. K. Bopardikar vs G. S. Kalyanpur & C. P. Merchant; 7-10 A. V. Ullal & H. K. Talyarkhan vs G. Lewis & Davinder Mohan.

MY LOVE DOESN'T COMPLETE FULL ST. LEGER COURSE

DONCASTER, Sept. 9 (Reuter): St. Leger favourite My Love did not gallop the full mile and three-quarters of Saturday's race as expected in his work at Doncaster today. His fast work was over a mile and a quarter and it did not impress onlookers.

Prince Aly Khan, however, said that he is a big lazy type and never wins a gallop but apart from that the colt is really well.

Efforts To Revive Six Days Cycle Race

BRITAIN'S MOST POPULAR PRE-WAR SPORT

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter): One of Britain's most generally popular sports events in the four years immediately preceding the outbreak of the war was the annual six days cycle race at Wembley Empire Pool, London. In which cyclists were on banked track at the Oval for 144 hours on end.

This event, which provided plenty of thrills for the thousands of spectators, may be revived next spring, it is reported here. It is understood that the promoters are awaiting permission to acquire the timber needed to rebuild the track.

Riders in the event were teamed up in pairs, and the rules required one member of each team to be on the track all through the six days of the race, in which about 2,500 laps were covered.

Naturally, it was not mere sprinting all the way. During the morning's there were periods when the riders shaved, had their breakfast and read the newspapers while travelling round the circuit, while the second members of their two man teams were sleeping after carrying on through the night. To keep interest alive all the time, however, there were prizes for the winners of sprint sessions and thrills came fast and plenty when these were in dispute.

Like speedway racing, the six days cycle appealed to a wide sporting public, and not merely to a sectional interest of it; and there can be little doubt that a revival of it would find thousands eager to watch the men who would devote six consecutive days to whirling round and round a small track, snatching time off only for sleep.

Bombay Hockey League

The Bombay Hockey League will commence during the third week of October 1948, and entries are invited from the affiliated Clubs.

The Senior League is only by invitation, and Clubs who feel that they have a team strong enough to compete in this Division, are requested to apply for the same.

Entry fees together with the affiliation fees should reach the Hon Secretary on or before the 30the Sept. 1948, at the Registered Office of the Association between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA'S EASY WIN

Rover's Cup Football

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Bombay Gymkhana	2
St. Francis Goans	0

The Bombay Gymkhana qualified for the second round of the Rover's Cup this evening when they accounted for St. Francis Goans by two goals to nil, Eichenberger scoring both the goals for the winners.

Once again Nelson under the Gymkhana bar came to his side's rescue, repeatedly saving what appeared to be a certain goal. His anticipation and gathering deprived the St. Francis Goans of at least one goal which they might have scored midway through the second half.

The teams:

Bombay Gymkhana—Nelson; Edwards and Linford; Mathews, Bright and Horsefield; Eichenberger, Brown, Keown, Smith and Medlock.

St. Francis Goans—S. D'Costa; St. Anne and S. Rebeiro; J. L. D'Souza, Dhondoo and R. D'Souza; F. Rebeiro, V. D'Souza, C. Braganza, John Fides and A. Fides.

Friday evening at 5-45 p.m. Burmah Shell vs Indian Gymkhana.

PROVINCIAL TABLE-TENNIS

Crowded Programme On Opening Day

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Provincial Table Tennis Championships commenced this evening at the Badminton Courts of the C.C.I.

The first and second rounds of the second and third quarters were played this evening. R. M. Khatau and P. S Varde who have been dropped from the seeded list won their rounds without any difficulty. In the most interesting match of the evening V. V. Prabhu lost to V. Venkatraman in two straight games.

The first and second rounds of the Junior's doubles were also decided this evening.

All competitors are requested to wear dark upper clothing as the rule regarding dress will be strictly observed.

The results:—

JUNIORS' DOUBLES.

FIRST ROUND: A. C. Parikh and A. V. Setalvad beat M. N. Dossa and M. Dossa, 21—10, 19—21, 21—14; G. M. Jhaveri and A. S. Patel beat J. D. Jhaveri and R. D. Jhaveri, 21—15, 18—21, 21—7; G. Reuben and S. Cassam beat S. R. Kapoor and S. B. Jog, 21—19, 21—19; D. P. Sampat and I. R. Joosab beat N. Janmahomed and S. Merchant, 21—6, 21—8.

SECOND ROUND: S. K. Thackersey and N. N. Mulla beat K. K. Karanjia and B. C. Mitter, 21—12, 21—15; N. L. Bajaj and M. L. Lulla beat D. K. Nooram and C. D. Jhangiani, 21—8, 21—7; A. L. Shaikh and R. Khandwalla beat J. L. Parikh and H. N. Shah, 25—23, 22—20; N. V. Kapadia and B. M. Vakeel beat M. L. Apte and A. L. Apte, 21—9 21—11; D. P. Sampat and I. R. Joosab beat A.A C. Parikh and A. V. Setalvad, 21—10, 21—14; A. I Jacob and S. G. Wasani beat R. V. Mehta and H. T. Kapadia, 21—7, 21—12; S. S. Parekh and H. P. Dossa beat R. B. Khetan and K. R. Poddar, 21—12, 15—21, 21—16; G. Reuben and S. Cassam beat G. M. Jhaveri and A. S. Patel, 21—13, 22—20.

MEN'S SINGLES.

(Second quarter).

FIRST ROUND: J. Ezekiel beat V. Ranganath, 21—15, 22—20, P. D. Hilloo beat S. C. Mudnaney, 13—21, 21—4, 21—8; S. N Kumta beat I. A. Laljee, 12—21, 21—19, 21—15; B. R. Chaudhary beat A. V. Price, 21—11, 21—17; R. M. Khatau beat R. B. Pandya, 21—4, 21—6; S. J. Lakdawalla w.o. P. P. Mistry, D. W. Gaitonde w.o. D. N. Dady, T. R. Mahadevan w.o. P. D. Hathiram, D. Moses w.o. E. J. Fernandes, R. N. Sethna w.o. S. S. Bamjee, C. C Mehta w.o. S. J. Khakhar, B. S. Cooper beat B. S. Jog, 21—15, 19—21, 21—16, R. S. Davar beat T. V. N. Swamy, 21—12, 21—8; V. B. Shanbag beat A. C. Parikh, 21—19, 21—13; M. Sayers beat Y. K. Nedarya, 21—19, 21—11; G. B. Relvani beat S. F. Karaka, 21—13, 21—17.

SECOND ROUND: V. Venkataraman beat V. V. Prabhu, 21—15, 21—17; R. M. Khatau w.o. S. J. Lakdawalla; A. R. Currim w.o. P. R. Gidwani; S. V. Gaokar beat S. R. Irani, 21—8, 21—6; R. D. Halady beat J. S. Captain, 14—21, 21—19, 21—17; M. M. Desai beat K. S. Iyer, 21—10, 21—16; M. Ramarao beat J. D. Jhaveri, 23—21, 21—17, I. R. Joosab beat S L. Shroff 21—19, 21—18; R. N. Muthuswamy beat K. R. Laxman, 21—7, 21—8; J. Ezekiel beat S. N. Kumta, 21—16, 21—16; D. Moses beat P. D. Hilloo, 16—21, 21—19, 23—20; V. B. Shanbag beat T. V. Mahadevan, 21—15, 21—8; R. S. Davar beat B. R. Chaudhari, 21—12, 21—12; B. S Cooper beat C. C. Mehta, 21—4, 21—9; D. W. Gaitonde beat M. Sayers, 11—21, 21—18, 23—21; G. B. Relvani beat R. N. Sethna, 21—16, 19—21, 21—19.

MEN'S SINGLES.

SECOND ROUND: K. C. Abdulla beat M R. Shroff, 17—21, 21—16, 21—12; R. Sabavala baet N. M. Jinandra, 21—11, 17—21, 21—18; E. Marafzadeh w.o. P K. Chauba, P. S. Varde beat S. M. Choksi, 21—12, 21—12; K. Godrej beat C M. Khory, 21—11, 21—19; B. Abraham beat R. Ugrankar, 21—17, 21—8; V. Shah w.o. B. B. Samant, S. R. Sethna w.o. M. P. Mistry, S. M. Katkar w.o. L. S. Thaggarse O. Sham w.o. H. Rao, A. R. Munjee beat I. Swamy, 21—19 21—13; J. N. Gaivankar beat F. N. Mulla, 21—7, 21—10, M. R. Mandrekar beat V. C Datta, 12—21, 21—13, 21—19; S. P. Ralvia beat S. J. Currim, 21—19 21—17; G. M. Khory beat M. D. Forbes, 21—16, 21—11.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES.

5 p.m. onwards first and second rounds of Women's Doubles followed by the first and second rounds of the third quarter of Men's Singles, followed by the first and second rounds of the fourth quarter of the Men's Singles.

SHIVRAM DEFEATED BY SACHIDANAND RAO

Madras Table-Tennis

MADRAS, Sept. 9 (API)—J. V. Sachidananda Rao of Madras sprang a surprise defeating the former All-India champion V. Sivaraman of Andhra by threee games to two in the men's singles final of the Brahmanandam memoral table tennis tournament played here today. Rao won the doubles title also wth C. Ramaswamy as partner against Sviaraman and Panchapakesan.

Mrs. C. K. M. K. Pilla won the women's singles title.

Following are the results:—

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MEN'S SINGLES (FINAL)

J. V. S. Rao beat V. Sivaraman 21-11, 10-21, 21-19, 20-22, 23|21.

MEN'S DOUBLES (FINAL)

J. V. S. Rao and C. Ramaswamy beat V Sivaraman and Panchapakesan 21-18, 18-21, 21-19, 21-17.

LADIES' SINGLES (FINAL)

Mrs. C. K. K. Pillai beat Vyjanthi 21-9, 21-6, 15-21, 21-13

New British Soccer Rule

CHARGING AFFECTED

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter): The new British soccer season has brought some criticism of the revised charging rule which is now in force.

The new rule—an international one—penalises players who charge an opponent, even fairly, when they are not within playing distance of the ball This is a clarification of the old rule, under which it was left to the referee's discretion to decide on incidents of this nature.

Critics here are now making the complaint that this new rule is bringing about too much use of the whistle by referees, and the fair shoulder charge is in danger of disappearing from the game as a result.

Players, they declare, are now unwilling to charge at all, lest the referee should decide that the ball at the moment was "not within playing distance" and that they were attempting to play it.

Thus, it is held, a rule framed with the intention of discountenancing obstruction is actually having the effect of taking away part of the character of the game.

GAEKWAD AGAIN IN THE NEWS

Pays 30,500 Guineas For Two Yearlings

DONCASTER, Sept. 9 (Reuter)—Fred Armstrong, the Newmarket trainer, buying on behalf of the Maharaja of Baroda, paid 30,500 guineas for two colts at the Doncaster yearling sales today. Both were sent up by the Sledmere stud, whose three yearlings were sold in just four minutes for a total of 36,000 guineas, the average price of 12,000 guineas being a record.

After the first Sledmere stud yearling—a colt by Precipitation out of Hanging Fall—had gone to Mr. Marcus March for 5,500 guineas, the second and third colt by Hyperion out of Queen Christina and by Nearco out of Elanor Cross, went to Fred Armstrong for 13,500 and 17,000 guineas respectively.

Other pig prices were also realised, 57 lots being sold for an aggregate of 100,210 guineas.

Fred Armtsrong gave the record price for a yearling at a public auction of 28,000 guineas when he bought Sayajirao for the Maharaja of Baroda in 1945.

AURALIA WINS DONCASTER CUP

DONCASTER, Sept. 9 (Reuter)—Mrs. Alec Johnson's Auralia won the Doncaster Cup here this afternoon after a photo finish with Mr. M. A. Everitt's No Orchids.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford's La Fontaine was third.

Nine ran.

Betting six to one against Auralia, seven to two against the favourite, No Orchids, and six to one against La Fontaine.

Won by a short head with two lengths between second and third.

After the result of the photo finish had been announced there was an objection lodged against the winner. The objection was overruled.

Combined Operations Disqualified

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter)—India's former champion sprinter, Combined Operations, who won the Cavaliar Stakes run over six furlongs at Haydock Park on Wednesday, August 18, has been disqualified.

Today's "Racing Calendar" states that the Haydock Park stewards inquired into the objection lodged by the clerk of the course on the ground that Combined Operations carried the wrong weight, and on the information laid before them disqualified Combined Operations.

Combined Operations who was an eleven to ten chance beat fifty to one outsider Stage Glitter who has now been awarded the race.

JUNIOR ROVER'S CUP

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In Junior Rovers Cup Football Tournament this evening at the St. Xavier's Ground Parel General Motors just managed to prevail over Elphinstone Mills by a solitary goal in a scrappy encounter.

The winners had more of the territorial advantage over their opponents throughout the game and the all important goal was scored by Samuel midway through the second half of play.

FRIDAY MATCHES:—

St. Xaviers Ground Parel: 4-40 p.m. Dock Yard "A" vs Mazagon Docks 5-40 p.m. Cavendiers vs Kohinoor Mills G. I. P. Ground Parel: 5-40 p.m. B.B. & C.I. Rly. vs Lightning S. C.

St. Xavier's Win Collegiate Football Final

BOMBAY, Thursday

The St. Xavier's College won the inter-collegiate Football Championship this evening when they accounted for the Ruia College in the replayed final by three goals to one.

M. D'Sa and Mathias scored for the winners before half time and after Ramaswamy had reduced the lead Noronha completed the tally. The Ruia College were unfortunate to lose Bhosekar before the game ten minutes old as he left the field with an injury.

AUSTRALIANS SET FOR BIG SCORE

Levenson-Gowers XI Dismissed For 177

SCARBOROUGH, Sept. 9 (Reuter): With steady rain falling, the start of the second day's play in the festival cricket match here between Leveson—Gover's Eleven and the Australians was delayed. The wicket is wholly protected so that play could commence very soon after the cessation of rain.

Ten thousand people waited for the rain to cease and it was possible to start almost as soon as that happened. But it was a tragic beginning for Leveson-Gower's team as two wickets fell without addition to the overnight score.

First Fishlock lofted the third ball for Harvey make a catch and so ended a partnership which had added 69 runs, and then Donnelly was caught in the slips.

Yardley played the bowling confidently but it was Robins who hit the first runs today with a six to leg which sent 100. At 113, however, Robins was clean-bowled when playing forward and at 121 two more wickets fell.

Just when Yardley seemed likely to be the side's top scorer he was clean-bowled and Laker fell to a catch by Johnson off Lindwall.

After lunch Pritchard drove Lindwall for two and Bedser cut him late to the boundary but was bowled next ball and the innings closed for 177.

Bedser was loudly cheered for his valuable 23.

The crowd was estimated at 25,000 when the Australians batted in bright sunshine.

Kept comparatively dry by being carefully covered, the pitch did not become difficult, and Barnes and Morris scored freely. Morris twice hit Pritchard over the leg boundary and at tea the score was 66 for no wicket.

During the lunch interval Don Bradman was made a life honorary member of the Yorkshire Club in recognition of his wonderful batting performances for Australian teams on the Leeds grounds, and was presented with a silver salver inscribed with his scores in four Test matches on the Headingley ground, Leeds.

Under ideal batting conditions, Morri Under ideal batting conditions, Morris scored 62 out of 102 in 95 minutes before being bowled by Yardley, sixth bowler tried by Robins. He hit 2 sixes and 5 fours.

Bradman, applauded all the way to the wicket, at once attacked the bowling, and while Barnes kept on the defensive the Australian Captain scored 30 out of 47 in 36 minutes.

At close of play the Australians were only 37 behind with 9 wickets in hand.

LEVENSON-GOWER'S (1st Innings):	
Hutton b Lindwall	0
Fishlock c Harvey b Johnson	33
Edrich b Johnston	15
Donnelley c Miller b Johnson	36
Yardley b Johnson	34
Robins b Lindwall	7
Brown c Johnson b Lindwall	0
Evans b Lindwall	0
Bedser b Lindwall	23
Laker c Johnson b Lindwall	7
Pritchard not out	4
Extras	13
Total	177

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	23.3	10	59	5
Johnston	13	3	29	1
Miller	8	0	28	0
Loxton	5	2	12	0
Ian Johnson	15	5	45	3

AUSTRALIANS (1st Innings):	
Barnes (not out)	47
Morris b Yardley	62
Bradman (not out)	30
Extras	1
Total (for 1 wicket)	140

MURANJAN'S PRESCRIPTION FOR INFLATION

"Suspend Long-Term Schemes & Expedite Those Projects Which Yield Immediate Fruit"

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Prof. S. K. Muranjan of the Sydenham College told the members of the Bombay Discussion Group this evening that one of the best remedies to curb the present inflationary tendencies in the country was for the Central Government to suspend its long-term schemes temporarily and to expedite those schemes which yielded immediate fruit. The professor believed that in spite of various difficultes that confronted the government at present, some allocation or redirection of government expenditure was possible, and he therefore urged that utmost effort should be made in that direction. Sir Rustam Masani, the chairman of the Group, presided.

MONETARY INFLATION

Prof. Muranjan who was speaking on "economic crisis" stated at the outset that there was nothing in common between the present inflation and the inflation which ordinarily precedes a boom. The present inflation was purely monetary, which neither meant a widening gap between the cost of production and prices of commodities. It was therefore wrong to imagine that the measures which caused depression in the conditions of an ordinary boom would also cause depression in the present conditions.

The causes of the present inflation, according to Prof. Muranjan, were more or less simple. In the first place there was a tendency for the savings to fall and the consumption expenditure to increase. This was partly to be ascribed to the growth in government expenditure and partly to the inclination of the people to save less. Again, the government was spending a good deal on schemes which might take a long time to mature. There was also a likelihood of government spending beyond its revenue. This excess in expenditure was financed out of the paper money and the creation of bank credit. The result was inflation.

Prof. Muranjan went on to enumerate various remedies for inflation. It was suggested that production should be increased. In this connection he warned that there was a wide gap today between the wage level and the prices of commodities, and even with the maximum efforts it was not likely that this gap should be covered by increased output.

Another remedy suggested was deflation. Acording to Prof. Muranjan there was at present some scope for narrowing the gap between the shorter rate of interest and the bank rate. The fear that the advance of interest rate might cause depression appeared to be groundless for the simple reason that the gap between wages and cost of production on the one hand and the prices of commodities on the other was very wide. It was to be remembered that the present inflation was purely of a monetary kind.

INCREASE TAXATION

Creation of a surplus budget and increase in taxation were also suggested as remeies from certain quarters. Prof. Muranjan was however of the opinion that in the present depressed condition of the investment market further taxation was inadvisable. He also pointed out that the real effect of these taxation or borrowing would depend on the kind of object on which the government would spend the money.

REIMPOSITION OF CONTROLS

Regarding the reimposition of control as a remedy for inflation, the professor said that it could be attempted only on food. He however feared that the control on food would lead to control on other commodities like sugarcane and cotton, and might therefore mean the reimposition of the whole system of control with its attendant evils, like concealment of purchasing power and evasion of taxes.

Concluding the professor stated that it was imprudent to depend on any particular single measure for remedying the present grave situation. It was better to admit all these remedies in a moderate measure. He said, "We must not forget that the government is already committed to certain obligations. For example it is not possible to curtail expenditure on Kashmir or Hyderabad. Again, political reasons make it very difficult to postpone the liquidation of Zamindari or to slow down the pace of prohibition. Nevertheless, some reallocation or redirection of government expenditure is possible, and utmost offort should be made in that direction."

BOTH P.C.C'S. DECIDE TO STAND ASIDE

In Madras Municipal Elections

MADRAS, Sept. 9 (API): For the first time since 1936, no official Congress candidate will be set up either by the Tamilnad or Andhra Congress Committees for the Madras City Municipal elections, which will take place on September 30.

The Tamilnad Congress Committee made the first move in this direction a fortnight ago and decided not to contest the Municipal elections. The Working Committee of the Andhra Congress took a similar decision at its meeting last night.

The reason for this step on the part of the Congress Committees, it is believed, is to avoid all controversies about the future of Madras city as to whether it should belong to Tamilnad, Andhra or constituted as a separate province.

HUNT FOR 'POLITICAL ARMISTICE GOVERNMENT'

Queuille Consults Gaullists And Socialists; Communists Hold Out

PARIS, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Gaullist demands for electoral reform, and Socialist opposition to any compromise with the Gaullists, today held in the balance 64-year-old Radical M. Henri Queuille's chances of forming a new French Cabinet of all parties except the Communists.

Gaullist deputies told M. Queuille early today that they would take part in a Government under him if the electoral system were reformed preparatory to a general election, and if the postponed October elections were held as originally scheduled.

Popular Republicans and Socialists are both against these proposals.

The Socialists were not expected to give their final answer before tonight, but pessimism increased this morning after aggressive attacks on the Gaullists in "Le Populair", official Socialist organ, apparently endorsed by veteran Socialist leader M. Leon Blum.

All other groups agreed in principal to join the "political armistice Government" M. Queuille wants to form, and to support the financial, save-the-France programme, including heavy new taxation, which he considers necessary.

Faced by problems of constantly mounting prices and sporadic protest strikes throughout the country, M. Queuille indicated this morning that he was anxious above all to reach an agreement on the financial question with the various parties.

"I do not think anything can be achieved by hurrying", he declared. "It is only when we are in agreement on this (the financial question) that we can proceed".

TRADE UNIONISTS' DEMANDS

A joint resolution passed by the three big Trade Union bodies—the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.), the Force Ouvriere, and the Christian Workers' Federation called for a monthly cost of living bonus of 3,000 francs (about £3.10sh.) beginning September 1 for all wage earners.

Protest strikes were reported today in a dozen large provincial towns including St. Etienne, Rouen and Nantes.

Unrest continued at Marseilles, where work stopped yesterday in steel, chemical, transport, and building concerns. The 24-hour strike called by the Communists for today at Amiens and the whole Somme Department was reported partially successful.

Agitation aimed at bringing the Communists back into the Government was increasing.

TREASURY POSITION

The French Treasury position is becoming more critical and calls for urgent measures if the Treasury is to have the necessary cash in hand at the end of the month to meet all its obligations with salary payments to its numerous officials and employees. Subscriptions to short term Treasury Bonds have virtually dried up during the past 10 days of political uncertainty. Recourse to temporary borrowing from the Bank of France and a consequent new dose of inflation seem inevitable, but even this requires the existence of a Government.

A Bank of France statement today showed 32,600 million francs (about £37,000,000) more in circulation in notes on September 2 than in the previous week. Provisional advances to the State on September 2 showed a rise of 8,700 million francs.

SOCIALIST SUPPORT

The French Socialist Parliamentary Group decided this afternoon to take part in a coalition Government formed by M. Queuille.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The International Monetary Fund announced the establishment of the initial par value for the Brazilian cruzeiro at 18.50 cruzeiros per United States dollar, the rate proposed by the Government of Brazil.

The parities for the Brazilian cruzeiro in terms of gold and in terms of United States dollars are:

.0480363 grams of fine gold per Brazilian cruzeiro;

647.500 Brazilian cruzeiros per troy ounce of fine gold;

18.5000 Brazilian cruzeiros per U. S. dollar;

5.40541 U. S. cents per Brazilian cruzeiro.

ATTACK ON RUBBER ESTATE

Manager's Bungalow And Other Buildings Burnt Down

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter):—Malaya terrorists today attacked a rubber estate in the Sungei Siput area of Perak, burning down the manager's bungalow and other building and destroying a large quantity of rubber.

A British Major and four ex-Palestine policemen escaped uninjured when their jeep ran into a hail of bullets 15 miles west of Kuantan, 1 Pahang Estate.

How Kee, a Captain of the Thirteenth "Division" Malayan People's anti-Japanese Army was shot dead by troops during a raid on a village near Ipoh.

A loaded Japanese automatic and a hand-grenade were found on his body.

Gunmen last night entered an estate bungalow in the Teluk Anson area, fired at two European assistants but missed. The gunmen escaped.

Armed, uniformed terrorists last night abducted a rubber planter, Wong Yew Poh, in the Pontian district. The planter is feared murdered.

SINO-SIAM TALKS

NANKING, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Phyn Adhibal Rajmaitri, new Siamese Ambassador to China said last night that negotiations were being held between the Chinese and Siamese Governments over the arrest of Chinese in Siam and a satisfactory settlement was expected soon.

Will India Get On U. N. Council?

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 9 (Reuter): A move to elect India to the Security Council in place of Syria, one of the retiring members, is expected to develop at the General Assembly in Paris, it is understood here.

It is felt that the fact that India last year voluntarily withdrew in the contest for the coveted seat against the Ukraine should weigh in her favour in this year's elections.

The principle of distribution for the six non-permanent members of the Council has never been strictly established but there is a "gentlemen's agreement" that some geographical balance should be maintained.

India's argument at the last Assembly was that while the Middle East has so far always been represented on the Council, the millions of Asian peoples have never had their own representative outside the "Big Five"

AGAINST INDIA

Against India's election is the fact that she is at present either directly involved in or sympathetic to two questions now before the Council: the Kashmir dispute and the Indonesian problem. If the Hyderabad question is put on the Council agenda this would, in the view of observers here, further weaken India's chances.

NEHRU'S PRESENCE MAY TELL

If India does make a bid for the seat the presence of Pt. Nehru and his sister, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit will, it is believed, play a strong part in her favour.

TOKYO, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Dr. John Alexis Chambon, who was Archbishop of Tokyo from 1937 to 1938, and Archbishop of Yokohama from 1938 to 1940, died at Yokohama yesterday aged 73. Archbishop Chambon came to Japan from France in 1900.

The Bombay Chronicle

He repents on thorns who sleeps on a bed of roses.

—QUARLES

THE DECKS ARE CLEARED

It is surprising that in his last letter to the Governor-General, the Nizam was unable to do more than express a vapid hope that Rajaji would do all he could to help the creation of a friendly atmosphere. Friendship is not a one-sided matter. And in the absence of an attitude of co-operation on the part of the Nizam, it is impossible for even the most ardent well-wisher of His Exalted Highness to do anything. Even Sir Mirza Ismail, than whom there is no truer friend of the Nizam and of Hyderabad and of a peaceful settlement, was constrained to advise the posting of Indian troops at Secunderabad. This is a point that merits much more serious consideration than His Exalted Highness deigned to do. Let alone being himself helpful, the Nizam might at least have extended an invitation to Rajaji to visit him at Hyderabad, stating frankly the reasons which prevent him from proceeding to Delhi. Nothing could have been lost, much would have been gained, by a candid exchange of views at a personal meeting; and, as Rajaji was at Bangalore, it would not have been difficult to effect a meeting. Even inferring that Rajaji would have turned down the invitation, such a gesture on the part of the Nizam would have produced a far better effect than the rather pathetic insistence on conditions in Hyderabad being normal. Not only did the Nizam miss the opportunity but his Deputy Prime Minister even went so far as to utter dire threats if the Union forces sought a forced entry into Hyderabad.

Thus the last exchanges between Hyderabad and India have left relations between the two greatly strained and infinitely worse than they were before. The evacuation of European and American residents in the State is an index of the seriousness with which it is regarded by neutral observers. The last warning was coupled with a definite request. Had it been acceded to, it might have been possible to interpret the Nizam's obduracy as the outcome of fear of Razakar-Ittehad coercion. Its rejection makes the Nizam party to the Ittehad reign of terror. Against this, the Union Government with the best will to peace in the world cannot remain impassive and inactive. The demand for reposting of Union troops in Secunderabad was made as a necessary step in the task of restoring Law and Order. It cannot be deferred merely because the Nizam has declared his preference for the anarchy that prevails today. The indications are clear that zero hour is at hand. The Union has been forced into this situation by the continued perversity of the ruling clique in Hyderabad.

Food Production

The Agricultural Ministers' Conference, which began at Delhi on Wednesday, is but one of the many that have been held during the war and after to increase food production in the country. The conferences prepared various plans of food production and Government spent crores of rupees thereon but the results have been most disappointing. The Food Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, rightly disclaims responsibility for the failure of the old Government schemes but the achievements of the present popular Government have not been much better. Mr. Jairamdas may be right in estimating that the results of the last year's plans came up to about 50 per cent of the target fixed for the year. If so, the target must have been very low, to judge from the food situation in the country and the high prices of essential foodstuffs. The situation is also confusing for lack of full and accurate statistics. As the Food Minister himself points out, no country can formulate any plans of progress without accurately recorded facts, and at present in India "one is dealing with data which is not wholly reliable". It is certainly high time that "we reorganised our machinery for collecting accurate agricultural data".

Referring to the difficulties that have hindered progress in the past, the Food Minister observed that the main difficulties were inadequacy of supply of coal, cement, iron and steel, fertilisers and machinery, "apart from the delay caused in transport in securing the sanction of the Central Government to Provincial Government's schemes". The difficulties caused by these delays are the most avoidable ones and must be avoided in the future scrupulously. As regards the others, they have doubtless hindered progress but not to the extent other difficulties have done, such as defective plans, inadequate minor irrigation, inadequate use of compost for manure, defective control and tenancy laws, which have failed to induce the cultivator to produce the maximum quantity of food. We cannot discuss here all these difficulties at any length. Suffice it to say about plans that there should be plans for each district prepared by experienced officials and non-official agriculturists. The Provincial Governments should, of course, be critical about the plans but generous in their help to them. As the Food Minister points out, unless more money is spent and more men are employed for the improvement of Agriculture, India will have to continue to face uncertainties and depend on foreign countries in a matter so vital as food. To quote his own figures, as against Rs. 80 that an American gets from the Federal Government in addition to what he gets from his State Government, an Indian gets only one anna from the Central Government. The State ought to give a better subsidy for food production. Mr. Jairamdas has rightly urged every province to aim at self-sufficiency in respect of food except in circumstances of an unexpected natural calamity. It should be possible for most districts to achieve this ideal if the district plans are based more on the food needs of the people than the profit of the landlords and if the districts are duly helped by Government.

Government can help food production in a variety of ways. Provision of irrigation facilities, good manure and good seeds on easy terms is essential. But these facilities, valuable as they are, will fail to yield adequate results if the tenancy laws are not improved, where necessary, so as to induce the tenant to put forth his best efforts. There is no such inducement if an unfair share of the result of his labour can be claimed by the landlord. It is also necessary, when Government enforces strict control, that the tenant should be guaranteed by Government a good price for his produce. Else he has every inducement to hide a part of his produce and sell it in the black market. We shall not further discuss such details here today. But we cannot emphasise too much the need for formulating plans with the greatest care, with the help of experienced persons in every district, and finally by providing every necessary facility to the cultivator. The slogan "Produce or Perish" is literally applicable to the production of food.

Democracy And National Security

At this critical period, when our statesmen have to provide against manifold eventualities and necessities, when our constitution is being formulated and there are threats of war and international complications, let the leaders and peoples appreciate a few concrete principles for our free democracy and national security.

The Constituent Assembly of India has adopted the principles, precedents and practice of the liberal democratic system of Britain and America and, therefore, it is valuable for the full progress and protection of individual liberty and national freedom, that India may be aligned to Britain and United States, Canada and Australia as the most balanced and experienced democratic countries and people; and arrangements and agreements be made with these States whereby India may derive the benefit and advantages of their vastly developed sciences, technical knowledge and equipment and so become, with reciprocal co-operation, powerful and prosperous. Our people will develop exercise and enjoy real liberties and democracy by such association successfully without any risks of totalitarianism and authoritarianism. Otherwise, because of the illiteracy, ignorance inexperience and indifference, the people may become a prey to bestial and cruel religious or economic fanaticism with the loss of real independence of the country and the consequential submergence of the people into regimented existence under one party absolutism.

It will be advisable to secure for India's security and defence the indispensible association and support of such peoples or States as have no desire or design of infiltrating or interfering or interlocking India's internal authority and solidarity, State system and sovereignty and, therefore, while enunciating the definite desire of the people for neutrality and non-belligerency of India, as a permanent policy, it is equally imperative that the National Government should have complete preparation and preparedness for securing peoples' self-defence and national defence with maximum possible self-contained economy and resolent polity. And, therefore, it is imperative for India's security and defence that each village be a fortress and each villager be a brave soldier and our Indian Government will be well advised to prepare and operate such a complete plan with a clean and precise policy

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VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF PRESS IN TEHERAN

Editors Protest Against Government Action

TEHERAN, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Teheran editors have joined in a protest against the "violation of the freedom of the press" by the Persian Government, which has suppressed 22 newspapers since it came into office in June.

Further resentment has been aroused in newspaper circles by a new degree, passed by the Council of Ministers last week, forbidding Government employees from acting as owners, writers or editors of newspapers.

Most Teheran editors, writers and newspaper owners are Government employees.

BURMA IN GRIP OF CIVIL WAR

Communist-Led Insurrection Affects Adversely Country's Internal Economy

(From Our Correspondent).
RANGOON, August 31.

During the last fortnight the Burmese Government, technically called the "Caretaker Government," but in effect the same old Thakin Nu regime, had a tough time. An all-out suppression of the insurrection promised by Premier Thakin Nu took all the forces at the disposal of the Government to engage the scattering rebels in stiff encounters in the delta region and in the Middle Burma. At every point the Government forces are scoring over the rebels who are reported to have been routed.

"Caretaker Government"

Today the life of the "Caretaker Government" ends officially. The sixth session of the Union Parliament will have to elect a new Prime Minister who will form his cabinet. But here in Burma everything seems to be prepared in advance. Thakin Nu will be re-elected as the Prime Minister, and, according to reports, almost all his collegues will remain in the so-called new cabinet Of course, there are vacancies, to wit, five, to be filled by new men. During the tenure of "Caretaker Government" U Tin Tut, Foreign Minister, resigned to join the Army being so desirous of leading a campaign against the Communists, who have never regarded him as a friend. Saw San Po Thin, Minister for Karen Affairs, had some trouble with his community, and some move was reported to have him removed from the cabinet. But he could not be removed as easily as some simple minded Karen elders of the community had thought it to be, for according to the Constitution, a caretaker government cannot replace its personnel in the cabinet. If there were a vacancy then that vacancy would have to be held in abeyance. Before anything like a no-confidence motion could possibly be tabled. Saw San Po Thin resigned from the cabinet and joined the army. He was an army officer during the Japanese occupation period, and is a good soldier, so the people say. Then Bo Let Ya, who had been generally acclaimed as Thakin Nu's most probable successor, too, resigned and joined back the army. Bo Let Ya was Inspector-General of the forces in Burma during the Aung San regime. Apparently he had never had any desire to get into the pale of politics. In fact, he had got out of it. Before he joined Aung San in the famous adventure of getting out of Burma just before the war to get military training with the Japanese, Bo Let Ya, whose civilian name is Hla Pe, was a prominent member of the then radical Thakin Party, and a "silent workers" during the University strikes, led by Thakin Nu.

Resignations from the "Caretaker Government" did not end there. Expulsion, or euphemistically termed, "asked to resign", had taken the toll of two. U Ko Ko Gyi, former President of the majority-commanding Socialist Party, was called upon by the Prime Minister to resign, as he was found involving in malpractices resulting in a huge reduction of customs revenue. U Ko Ko Gyi, Commerce Minister, das a 'teacher' of Marxism in the Socialist Party, a respected 'guru' of the party men. But somehow, he fell from power, charged with dishonest dealings, and is now absconding. Another minister "asked to resign" is Bo Po Kun, a fifty-year old ex-school master, and Education Minister, who happens to be the President of the People's Volunteer Organisation, a section of the Organisation originally formed by the late U Aung San, which disagreed with Thakin Nu Plan for leftist unity. When his section had "taken to the woods," Bo Po Kun was asked by Thakin Nu to resign.

The New Government

Now this depleted "Caretaker Government," which has seen the worst of life, is beset with difficulties caused by an intensification of the insurrection due to the activities of the underground People's Volunteers, who start "occupying" towns and cutting off trunk lines, thus dislocating trade and communication. The new Government that will be formed tomorrow will have the same personnel, the same policy, and perhaps, the same low prestige as the "Caretaker Government." The suppression drive will go on. Many pitched battles have been reported, and many more will be reported. The tension has, however, decreased. The fear of an invasion of Rangoon is almost wiped out, but the city's "carefree" masses are pricking their ears for a possible gunshot, while enjoying a cinema show, or going to the races.

The state of affairs in Burma will probably go on for a much longer time than expected. That is, in spite of the roaring assurance of Sima Duwa Sinwa Nawng, Minister for the Jingpaws, a highly militant race of the Burma hills districts. Sima himself is a very able soldier, the son of a soldier-chieftain, and he is a firm believer in Democracy. His is like Dr. Evett's the doctrine of militant democracy. He has openly declared that any one, be he a Communist, People's Volunteer or a Socialist, who attempts to overthrow the constitutionally established democratic government by an armed rising, is his enemy. And he means it. His Jingpaw troops are now fighting the stiffest of battles in the delta and the Middle Burma.

But, as has been predicted, the time for suppression will be as long as one or two years. The chief reason is that the rebels are not offering the government forces any pitched battles, and if any such has happened, it was just by accident, or perhaps, an experiment. Now when the rebels realise that their strength cannot match the government forces, and also that their arms and ammunition are being exhausted, they resort to guerilla tactics, which they had learned very well indeed during the resistence campaign against the Japanese. It is rather hard to wipe out pockets of resistance.

Nationalisation Plans In Cold Storage

The insurrection has told much upon the country's internal trade, and the economic position of the Burmese people has declined. Being petty traders, the Burmese cannot possibly stand much economic strain. Now that the main railroads from Rangoon to Mandalay and to Prome have been cut off for over a fortnight, the trade in Rangoon has become poor. The Burmese traders and brokers are getting impatient over the dislocation, while the overseas trade handled mostly by foreigners remain hardly affected.

The Government's ambitious nationalisation projects may have to be shelved. For instance, the reclamation of lands from the non-agriculturist land-owners may have to wait, for the Government does not seem financially able to pay compensation.

The extra "unforeseen expenditure for defence will claim much of the budget, which is being submitted to the Parliament at the present session. Extra taxation is hardly possible, for the public opinion, pampered to a certain extent by the Communist propaganda of non-payment of taxes, will be against such a measure.

Future Dark And Uncertain

The future of Burma is dark and uncertain The present Government will not command the respect of the critics, nor will it enjoy the confidence of the masses. The weakness of the Government, which not so much in its inability to settle or suppress the insurgents as in its inability to take effective measures in the way of rehabilitation, and in its befuddling methods of "trial and error" in nationalisation, cannot be improved by any change of personnel in the cabinet. Outside the cabinet, and, for that matter, outside the fold of Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL), there does not seem to be any able leader. All the old-timers are out of date, and the new blood that is now in the AFPFL (the High Command which makes and unmakes cabinet(s) does not seem well equipped with ability and experience. Thus the vicious circle will go on.

The only beacon of hope (and that, too, not a very bright one) is the forthcoming elections which will come off in April next. If there is a really democratic election, and there is every possibility of it being so, the electorate which has now got "fed up" with parties and ideologies, might pick and choose personalities with ability and honesty as criteria. That is to say, the really progressive element from out of all the parties now on Burma's political stage will most probably emerge as a new party commanding a real majority, enjoying the confidence of the people. That, after all, is a guess. If only it turns out to be correct. . . .

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

FRANKFURT, September 8: An "aggressor" force of American troops today made its first contact with joint American-British "friendly forces" in the combined manoeuvres at Grafenuoehr, Bavaria.

The manoeuvres taking place 40 miles from the Soviet Zone of Germany, are the biggest held by the American Army since the war and are to test the defences of the American Zone.—Reuter.

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In his letter to the Nizam, Rajaji tries to point out that there is no conflict between the interests of the people of India and the people of Hyderabad.

But Rajaji ought to remember, in elementary fairness to the Nizam—to say nothing of Syed Kasim Razvi—that there is "fundamental conflict between the definitions of "the people of India" and "the people of Hyderabad."

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Rajaji also assures the Nizam that, as the Government of India has repeatedly promised, "in any political solution your Exalted Highness's prestige and position will be safeguarded."

Tempting enough. But what about —er—H. E. H's. prerogatives?

And above all, what about the prestige and position of the over-all Highness, Syed Kasim Razvi?

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"It appears from your letter", says (technically) the Nizam in reply, "that a very wrong impressive of insecurity of life, honour and property in Hyyderabad prevails at your end."

Owing to the fact that Rajaji has the sense to see from the right end of the telescope.

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Apropos of the latest developments in the Kashmir negotiations, there is no truth in the rumour that Senator Austen of the U.S.—the gentleman quoted by Sir Md. Zafrullah Khan—is rushing to Karachi in response to urgent summons from Pakistan.

That eminent U. S. representative on the Security Council would be more useful in Paris where he is confidently expected to keep the situation well in hand, so to speak.

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In his communication to the Kashmir Commission, Sir Md. Zafrullah lays it down that it was recognised by the Security Council that the fighting in Jammu and Kashmir had flared up as the result of military and other repressive measures adopted by the Ruler against his subjects.....

Did Senator Austen say that too?

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Sir Md. Zafrullah explains that Pakistan sent its troops into Kashmir because of the publicly declared intention of the Government of India to secure a military decision.

The fact that the fighting forces sent by India to fight in Kashmir were found fighting certainly justified the intervention of Pakistan against an obvious outrage.

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Dr. A. Wahid, a Pakistan industrialist or something, is reported invitingly to have declared in London that Pakistan is now a planner's paradise.

It is. Sydney Cotton has bought and or rented two big houses in Karachi already.

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According to a Moscow report, the British Government having proposed a meeting of Foreign Ministers to discuss the former Italian Colonies, the Soviet Government have suggested a conference starting in Paris today, Friday.

The respective strategies being—?

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Mr. George Marshall, the U. S. Secretary of State, insists that attempts at establishing a Communist controlled Government in Berlin must be "firmly resisted."

The resistance taking the form of firm statements by Mr. George Marshall.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Overcrowding In Buses

Sir,—An order, prohibiting the people from using the front rear portion standing on the foot-board and also on the bumpers of tram cars, has been promulgated by our Police Commissioner, bu tin this connection, I regret very much to say that no drastic slips are taken against the defaullers who cause a great amound of inconvenience to other passengers.

If the P. C. really wants to help the travelling public from any accidents and thereby also help the BEST Committee in naintaining the fleet of trams becoming—unserviceable by over-load, then he must instruct the staff under him to take serious steps against those who disobey the order.

Re: all standing trams; I have to say the work of the police should not be only to prevent the people from standing on the foot-board but they must see that the people do not stand in the passage this inconveniing the conductors from issuing the tickets and giving a chance to most of the passengers who have now-a-days, I regret very much to say, made a habit of travelling without a ticket. I see such instances almost daily .—Yours, etc.

B. G. PURAO

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Chaos In France

France is again in the grip of a Government-less situation. French politics are known for their traditional instability. Indeed, France would, historically, appear to thrive on short-lived Government. But the present crisis is serious in a double sense. Seldom has France gone though two weeks of chaotic political changes as during the last fortnight. And the end is not yet in sight. Secondly, there is no knowing what the end would actually be. It is not only a case of uncertainty as to which of the Parliamentary leaders would be able to form a comparatively stable Government, at least in the French sense of "stable". The danger that is threatening France today is that none of them might succeed. There is thus much more at stake in the present political crisis than the chance of this party leader or that.

The Big Question Mark

France is one of the worst of war-torn countries in Western Europe. It has suffered much and it was economically almost destroyed during the German occupation in addition to sustaining grave political and social injury. Recovery and rehabilitation are processes that really have yet to be begun. And they need all round sacrifices. These sacrifices are not forthcoming in a collective sense. Economic difficulties are forcing labour and capital to pull against each other. This is at the bottom of the conflicts among the democratic parties which have so far defeated every attempt to form a coalition Government of democratic parties. But it does not seem to occur to any one that such failure is inevitably the opportunity of the extreme Left or the extreme Right. In either case what may be called the forces of "western democracy" ranging from the Socialists to the Radicals will go under leaving France doomed to dictatorship. And worse in the meantime. For, if the parties dominating the present National Assembly fail, dissolution and new election will be inevitable. And the contest will be between Communists and de Gaullists. What will happen to France—and through France to Europe and international peace—when this conflict starts and when it ends?

Cloth Distribution

Control of mill cloth having been decided upon the Madras Government has proposed to distribute cloth through co-operative stores and private dealers on fifty-fifty basis, and the proposal has been appproved by the Assembly. It appears that a similar policy will be followed in most provinces and therefore merits serious consideration. The two important features of the policy are that there are to be no Government shops and that co-operative shops are to be encouraged or new ones brought into existence. Absence of any Government shops may not impose a hardship on the people if a sufficient number of co-operative shops can be opened and if they are efficient enough. But it is not easy to bring into existence a large number of efficient co-operative shops unless Government gives them good facilities in addition to carrying on intensive co-operative propaganda. In any case, there should be effective Government control over all shops, co-operative or private. And where necessary some Government shops should be opened where for instance the controlled shops are not enough to cope with the demand.

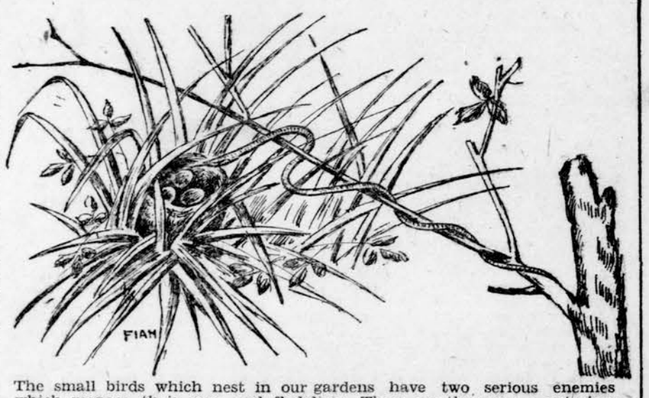
Avert The Strike

Strikes by teachers are regrettable as much because they can be averted in most cases by milder methods as because they harm the interests of large numbers of innocent school children. But we cannot help condemning those who give teachers a legitimate cause for resorting to sterner methods to redress their grievances. The Bombay Municipal teachers, who get poor salaries, have failed to get the dearness allowance due to them for the last seven months despite repeated negotiations by them with the Municipal authorities. In a city where the cost of living is now frightfully high it is naturally very difficult for the teachers to make both ends meet without the regular receipt of the dearness allowance due to them. To go without the allowance for seven months must be an ordeal to the teachers and cannot but exhaust their patience. They have therefore proposed to go on a sit-down strike on September 22 unless their grievance is redressed by them. The Schools Committee has wronged them grievously these many months. It will be an unpardonable wrong if the Committee fails to avert the strike. It is far easier for the Committee to get the necessary funds than it is for the teachers to go without their necessary allowance.

The Last Protest

The San Francisco "Chronicle" in an editorial on Dr Benes observes that until the end the Czech statesman resisted the coercion of the Communists. Even when he was brought before the microphone last February to address the nation, Dr. Benes succeeded in getting through his last word. The words then deleted by the Communist censorship have, says the "Chronicle", come through in a more authentic version of his speech. "I am doing this," Dr. Benes, "solely to prevent the civil war with which you threaten me and which you are capable of unleashing. However, I believe the Czechoslovak people will understand my act and that on the first occasion the majority of them will prove that the methods which you use, are foreign to them, and that you have under-estimated the moral maturity, the loyalty and the democratic effort of our people." As a final commentary nothing could be better than the "New York Times" admission that "both the West and the East failed Benes...Whether he would have resisted his country better if he had resisted Munich and defied Russia, no outsider has the right to decide. Caught in the terrible dilemma of a small nation in the path of rival powers, all his choices were forced and impossible choices...We all bear a share of the responsibility for his tragedy and for that of his people."

OPEN AIR



The small birds which nest in our gardens have two serious enemies which menace their eggs and fledglings. These are the crow, a notorious and bloodthirstly robber, and the snake, whose cuming knows no bounds. Besides these there are, of course, the little boys who seem to rejoice in tearing down nests and stealing eggs indiscriminately. Birds like the Tailor bird and Wren Warbler which take infinite care and trouble over the construction of their nests and which manage to hide them from human eyes are still painfully at the mercy of snakes and it is pathetic to hear their shrill cries of alarm as they realise that their enemy is approaching and recognise their powerlessness to save their young. The greatest offender is probably the Green Whip Snake which spends its life in the trees eating lizards, small birds and eggs. Its colour, a bright green, makes it very difficult to see if and it moves with tremandous speed through the branches. It grows to a length of over six feet and its body ends in a long whip-like tail. It is, fortunately, a non-poisonous snake and is harmless to man, though it is able to stupify its prey as it swallows it.

D.R.

PAKISTAN'S COUNTER-CHARGE AGAINST INDIA

Zafrullah Rakes Up Issues Of Junagadh And Hyderabad

KARACHI, September 8 (A.P.I.): The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, declared today: "Pakistan is under no obligation, international or otherwise, that prevents her from sending her troops to Kashmir."

He was addressing a press conference in Karachi this evening in connection with the United Nations Commission cease-fire proposal for Kashmir.

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS

Sir Zafrullah Khan said that Pakistan had moved her troops "in certain defensive positions" only in May last to check a further advance of the Indian forces in the direction, which would bring them into direct contact with the Pakistan Frontier.

Pakistan would have been justified in sending her troops in October last, but she desisted from doing so in the hope that an amicable settlement would be arrived at.

At least, Pakistan had the desire to avoid a general conflagration. But when the hope of an amicable settlement was receding more and more in the background, Pakistan, with a view to keeping the conflict in Kashmir localised, had to take immediate action to stop the Indian forces from coming into contact with its frontiers.

Sir Zafrullah said that, if the object of the Indian summer offensive had been achieved, the whole of West Punjab and the Frontier Province would have gone up in flames. A vast number of refugees from areas under the occupation of the Indian army would have been thrown into West Punjab province, which was faced with a huge refugee problem.

Pakistan could not afford to see the situation develop in that direction.

COMMISSION INFORMED IN JULY

The Pakistan Foreign Minister stated that he had informed the members of the United Nations Commission "at the very first physical contact" he had with them in Karachi in July last about the presence of Pakistan troops in certain defensive positions in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as their number, location and disposition.

Coming to the criticism that Pakistan did not admit the presence of the troops during the debate in the Security Council, Sir Zafrullah declared that there was nothing to admit as there were no Pakistan troops in Kashmir at that time.

Stating that there was neither moral nor legal justification for Kashmir's accession to India, Sir Zafrullah said: "the entry of the troops of India was pure aggression and continues to be so".

Later, he accused the Government of India for occupation of the Junagadh State, which had acceded to Pakistan, "by an act of clear, unashamed and blatant aggression."

He observed: "Today, India is threatening Hyderabad with open aggression. Has it taken stock that the consequences of the threat being carried into effect against Hyderabad will plunge at the very least its own country into a communal blood bath which unfortunately will spread far wider and will have consequences many times more disastrous that the occurrences in the East and West Punjab of last year? She must know what will be the consequences of military action against Hyderabad, but she seems to be bent upon it".

"Who is the aggressor?" asked Sir Zafrullah.

U. N. COMMISSION'S RESOLUTIONS

Referring to the U. N. Commission's resolution of August 13, Sir Zafrullah said that Pandit Nehru chose to "describe our acceptance as conditional and his unqualified".

Examining the two so-called conditions that were laid down in Pakistan's reply, the Foreign Minister said: "The first is that the clarifications and elucidations which the Commission may have given to the Government of India should be communicated to us and our acceptance of that clarification and elucidation should be secured and, secondly, that the clarifications and elucidations given to us should be communicated to India and their acceptance should be secured.

Dealing with three outstanding theses that run through Pandit Nehru's statement on Tuesday in the Indian Parliament, namely "morality" of India's stand the naming of Pakistan as the aggressor and Pakistan's case being based on "falsehood and deceit", Sir Mohammad Zafrulla addressed pressmen for more than two hours on various phases of the Kashmir dispute.

He said: "Pandit Nehru stresses the morality of the stand that the Government of India have taken over the matter in respect of Kashmir. He implies that anybody standing in the way of achievement of what India desire is not moral.

"According to Pandit Nehru, the tragedy of Kashmir began by the invasion of the tribesmen on October 22, 1947. Evidently he considered that whatever happened before then was not relevant to the tragedy and it would be immoral to announce to the world what had clearly happened".

Sir Zafrulla said that Pandit Nehru who rushed to Kashmir after he had been selected as a member of the Executive Council to defend Sheikh Abdullah against the tyranny of the Maharaja, chose to describe the beginning of the trouble in Kashmir as "the raid from outside". Why did that raid take place? The Government of India, in lending the support of its armed forces, helped the Maharaja for the continuance of this tyranny and for the crushing of the freedom movement. Was this step taken as a moral duty and obligation?

After giving Pakistan's version of the situation in Kashmir preceding its accession to India Sir Zafrulla continued: "two things are clear. The question of accession was a subject of dispute and that accession should be obtained through the free expression of the will of the people.

"Is it not tragic that India should lend her troops to the Maharaja in order to suppress the forces of freedom, which desire that the people of the States should be given freedom of expression. Where is the morality of it? In any case, where is the legality?

"When the dispute over accession had already manifested itself and the people who differed had risen in revolt and when the ruler himself had run away from the State, has the ruler any legal authority?

"NEITHER MORAL NOR LEGAL"

"There was, therefore, neither moral, nor legal justification for the accession and the entry of the troops of India was pure and wanton aggression and continues to be so.

"Before taking any action in the matter, Pandit Nehru's Government did not consult the Government of Pakistan, nor notified us of its action India plunged Kashmir into a long course of military action and took no counsel with the other party that was interested in the accession. She sneaked into Kashmir under the shelter of the two letters".

PLEBISCITE.

"We are prepared to accept the conditions that Indian troops should start their withdrawal from the State after the tribesmen have withdrawn, but they must withdraw before the plebiscite can be held. The plebiscite should be completely under the auspices of the United Nations".

Rebutting the charge of Pakistan being named the aggressor, Sir Zafrulla said that apart from Kashmir, where "on a thin pretence India wants to crush the movement for free expression of the popular will", the cases of Junagadh and Hyderabad were instances of "wanton aggression".

U.N. COMMISSION BACK IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Sept 9 (UPI): The Chairman and members of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan returned this afternoon from Karachi after about two weeks' stay in Pakistan capital. H. E. Mr. Josef Gorbel, Chairman and some members of the Commission are meeting the Prime Minister this evening.

H. E. Egbert Groffe, Belgian Member, who returned from Karachi about a week back, is reported to be slightly indisposed.

PROBLEM FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT CONGRESS

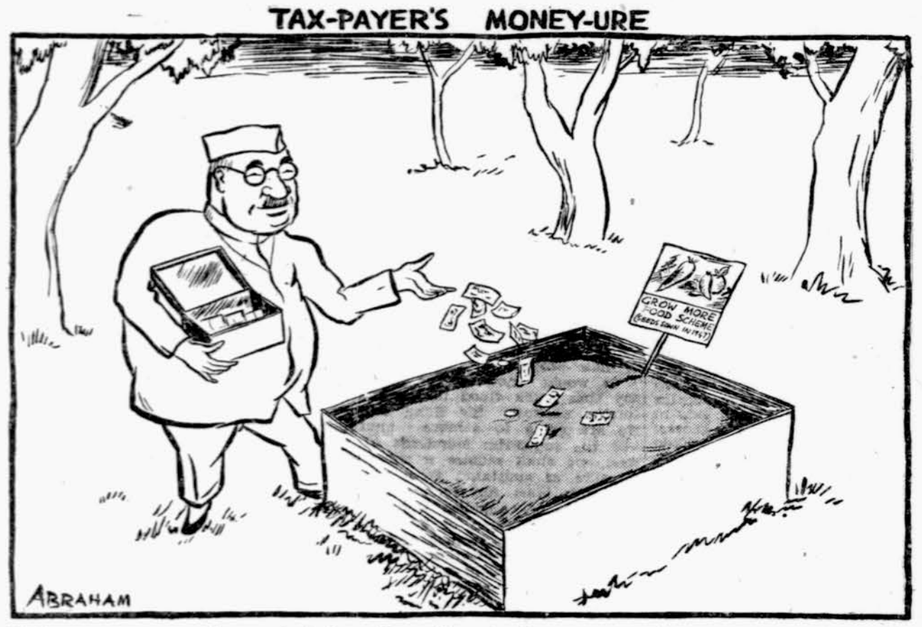
LUXEMBOURG, Sept. 8 (Reuter):—Officials of the world movement for Federal Government, now holding a Congress in Luxembourg, were worried today about Japan's delegate to the conference, who is reported missing.

They said he got "lost" on his way from Amsterdam to Luxembourg. The delegate whose name has not been announced, left Japan specially to attend the conference, and was last heard of in Amsterdam about a week ago.

Diplomatic representations are expected to be made with various Governments and with the military authorities in Germany in an attempt to locate him.

NYE WITH KHER AND KITSONS

The Hon'ble Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, with Lt. General Sir Archibald Nye, retiring Governor of Madras and High Commissioner-designate for the United Kingdom in India, and the Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Bombay and Mrs. G. V. Kitson. Sir Archibald and Lady Nye were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Kitson at 26, Napean Road during their stay in Bombay.



"Unless more money is spent, India will continue to face uncertainties and put up with foreign dependence in the matter of food".—Jairamdas Doulatram. (A sum of over Rs. 30 million has already been spent on the "grow more food" campaign).

KARACHI LETTER

Pakistan Facing Economic Crises?

Floods Cause Damage To Cotton Crop: Shortage Of Foodstuffs Feared

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, (By Airmail)—The Government of Pakistan is definitely facing some trouble inside the country especially in the Frontier and in the Punjab.

The recent incidents of Fakir of Ipi's revolt against the Frontier Government in Charsadda, the Pir of Manki Sharif's agitation for a shariat type of Government, the compulsion of Quran in the province, the co-operation of a section of Leaguers with the Red Shirts on the issue of introduction of Shariat laws, the increase in prices of foodstuffs, the Kashmir muddle, the parallel League Organisation of the Pir of Manki Shariff, the imposition of new taxes, the banning of Provincial Majlis, the Ahrar conference and the summoning of urgent cabinet meetings definitely indicate the present plight of N.W.F.P. and the ministerial crisis.

In view of these crises, and rifts among the League M.L.A.'s and Ministers. The Government of Pakistan, it is understood, is proposing to abolish provinces as suggested by Mr. Mankton, the Financial Adviser, to the Quaid-i-Azam. The Quaid-i-Azam also seems to be in favour of this proposal.

PAKISTAN FACING ECONOMIC CRISIS?

What the Indian economists have been prophesing the gloomy picture of the financial position of Pakistan has come true. Pakistan's financial position is not as satisfactory as painted by its Publicity Machinery. In addition to Ministerial crisis and internal troubles, the Government of Pakistan is also facing economic crisis.

In East Bengal, the prices of rice have been increasing. At several places in that province, rice is sold at Rs. 50 a maund. The Government, it is learnt, may reintroduce cordon system.

DAMAGE TO COTTON CROP

Owing to untimely rains and floods in the Indus and breaches in the banks, some damage has been done to the cotton crop—the second cash crop of the Dominion. Before floods, the Government predicted the yield of cotton for 1948-49 to be 3½ lakh bales, but now after these floods it is expected to yield not more than 10 lakh bales, thereby the Dominion will lose a sum of about 12 crores. Moreover the vaunted boast of the Finance Minister that Pakistan has balanced budget, has been slashed by these floods. In West Punjab the Rabi crop has suffered a heavy loss due to the Indus floods.

SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS

In view of all these, the Government is facing a dificit of about 150,000 tons of foodgrains this year. There will be an acute shortage of rice as the crop has been badly hit by the flooding Indus in Western Pakistan. The province of Sind, which had a surplus of two lakhs of tons of food grains during the last year, is likely to face food deficit while N.W.F.P. always depends on the Centre.

KARACHI BECOMING CITY OF BAGHDAD?

The Capital of Pakistan is fast becoming the city of Bagdad. Gambling, corruption, thefts, stabbings on the public roads, cheatings, misappropriation of Government money, picketting, begging, cattle lifting, bribe taking, and such other vices have been on an incease of late. In view of these, the Government of Pakistan have recently strengthened the Enforcement Police to have a check on them.

A recent incident will throw some light as to how a section of the people is active in doing mal-practices. Recently near the busy cloth market, a well-dressed young Muslim embraced a Christian girl forcibly on the public road in the open daylight. When the girl cried for help no one dared to go near them. However, the traffic police at once rushed to the spot, and arrested the goonda. The accused thereupon pretended to be a madchap but was taken to his proper place the lockup.

General round-up of Goondas has also been ordered in view of the increased occurrences of crimes in the Capital.

A number of gangs composed of (mostly Muslim refugees from India) seems to be active in this city. Recently a gang of badmashes from Bombay, who were indulging in intoxicating the victims into sleep and then robbing them of their possessions, has been arrested. A gang of Punjabis with a large number of counterfeit Pakistan coins and notes has also been rounded up.

HYDERABAD LAWYERS CALL LAIK ALI'S BLUFF

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of a large gathering of Muslims. A Math (Hindu monastery) was looted. Passengers at Udgir railway station were assaulted. On the same day, Syed Kassim Razvi with two lorryloads of Razakars made a triumphal tour of the area.

MADE TO STAND IN LINE & SHOT

"In January, 1948 in Parmal Sunkesua village, nineteen people were made to stand in a line and shot dead. In Somavaram on April 14, twenty people were made to stand and shot dead under instructions of sub-inspector of police.

"In Cholody village on March 19, 20 and 21, the whole village was looted and a man and his wife were burned alive.

"On the morning of August 26, about 5 a.m., the Razakars and the police came in twelve lorries and attacked Behrampalli. They machine-gunned the Gahri (small fortress) and threw 26 handgrenades over it. They shot down 150 persons including three women. Fifteen women were raped. The goondas did not even spare the sacred "Mangalsutras" of the women. They broke the lock of every house and carried away with they all they could.

"On the same day the miscreants attacked Kottigallu and killed eighteen persons."

Mr. Vinayak Rao said: "We would have expected that after the results of these investigations, which was communicated to the appropriate authorities from time to time, there would be some punishment meted to the culprits and preventive measures taken. We regreat to say that not only nothing has been done in this direction, but on the contrary, you have chosen to announce to the world that the internal situation in Hyderabad is not insecure. We decline to comment but in duty bound, we cannot remain passive spectators to the attempt made to keep truth from the eyes of the world."

Madras Bans Hyderabad Newspapers

MADRAS, Sept. 8 (API): The Government have prohibited with immediate effect the entry or circulation in the province of Madras of the news papers entitled "Misan", "Hyderabad", "Ittehad", "Quazar" and "Vaqat", published in Hyderabad state.

6 PRO-HYDERABADIS ARRESTED

Sultan Hussein and five others were arrested by the Bombay C.I.D. for alleged pro-Hyderabad activities. One of the arrested men is reported to be a Razakar.

A bookseller, at Bhendi Bazar, has also been arrested for selling pro-Hyderabad literature.

Two Muslim Air Passengers Detained At Nagpur

NAGPUR, Sept. 8 (API.) Three Muslim air passengers were detained at Nagpur Airport on Monday. It was disclosed today.

The passengers were travelling from Bombay to Jubbulpore and had to halt at Nagpur as the air service between Nagpur and Jubbbulpore runs twice a week. On being interrogated by a security police officer, they were unable to give a satisfactory explanation for their trip to Jubbulpore and were reported to have stated that they were businessmen.

Nizam's Minister On Kodar Clash

State Forces Did Not Open Fire

HYDERABAD, (Deccan), Sept. 8 (API).—Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung, Hyderabad's External Affairs Minister, told the State Legislative Assembly today that eight men of the Nizam's Bodyguard were wounded and a lorry was knocked out in an engagement between Gurkhas in lorries and Sikhs in tanks on one side and troops of the Nizam's bodyguard on the other at Kodar when "Indian troops attacked the place."

The Nawab, who was making a statement before the Assembly, stated that information was scanty as "our forces chiefly concerned have been taken prisoner", but, according to customs and police personnel from Kodar, the Hyderabad troops captured there were doing physical training when Indian tanks and lorries surrounded the camp. Two tanks were reported to have detached themselves from the rest, and to have gone to Miryalguda, where officers and military personnel were also reported to have been taken prisoner. Two planes, according to the same sources, flew low over Kodar area during the operations.

Giving details of the operation in which the Nizam's bodyguards were involved, Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung said that when a message was received from Kodar of the Indian attack, troops of the Nizam's Bodyguard, stationed at Khammam, were sent to Kodar to report on the situation, but, after proceeding some miles towards Kodar, they came under Indian fire.

Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung added that "the reports that our troops opened fire cannot be correct "because, according to a written report received from Khammam, "Our troops had only armoured cars for which there is no ammunition."

Baroda Muslim Students Union To Be Dissolved

BARODA, Sept 8 (UPI.) A resolution dissolving the Baroda Muslim Students' Union was adopted by the Union at its meeting held here today. The resolution opined that the Muslims in the Indian Union must dissolve all organisations and institutions membership of which was restricted to Muslims alone, and must cease to work under auspices of separate, communal organisations, as India's national leaders had decided to establish a secular democratic state.

SYDNEY, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Mr. Clive Evatt, brother of the Australian Minister of External Affairs now in Britain, resigned today from the Australian-Russian Society—an organisation recently condemned by the New South Wales Executive of the Australian Labour Party as "an auxiliary of the Communist Party".

Stop Press

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS SIGHTED OFF DANISH ISLAND

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Observers on the Danish Island of Bornholm reported today they had seen an "appreciable force" of Russian warships steaming eastwards. The ships were outside Danish territorial waters and no contact was made.

HYDERABAD ALLEGATION DENIED

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): Rev. W. Le Cato Edwards of the Medac Diocese of the Church of South India has characterised as "lie" the allegations made by Hyderabad authorities that Indian Union had stopped all medical supplies to the State.

"WHITE SUPREMACY" CHAMPION FOR GEORGIA GOVERNORSHIP?

ATLANTA, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Mr. Herman Talmadge, backed by Ku Klux Klan as champion of "white supremacy", won the Democratic nomination for Governor over Governor M. E. Thompson in the Democratic Primary election in the State of Georgia.

SEARCH FOR SHIP GIVEN UP

COLOMBO, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Royal Air Force planes and navy ships today gave up their search for the 450-ton cargo vessel "Aqua Queen", missing in the Indian Ocean since the middle of last month.

MOSCOW, Sept. 9 (UPI): New postage stamps bearing the portrait of General Zhdanov were issued in Russia today.

Our Madras Letter

CLOTH DISTRIBUTION SCHEME IN MADRAS

No Statutory Rationing By Government

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MADRAS, (By Air Mail).—The Madras Government have announced their scheme for cloth distribution in the Province, in pursuance of the decision of the Government of India to reimpose textile control.

The scheme as a temporary and a permanent aspect to it. For about a month, until a permanent scheme could be put into operation, the Government have decided to entrust the distribution of the entire quota of cloth allotted to Madras to the 23 co-operative wholesale stores in the province. If this experiment proves successful, 50 per cent of the quota will be distributed thereafter through the same agency while the balance will be distributed through the traders as a permanent measure. The scheme envisages the licensing of both wholesale and retail distributors by demanding deposits of securities and levy of license fees from both categoes of dealers. As many as possible of those who were in the trade during the previous control period would be given licences, though care would be taken to select only those who had clean records in the past.

The distribution of the yarn quota for the province is proposed to be handed over in the first instance to the Madras Provincial Handloom Co-operative Society, which will have the distribution done through its affiliated primary societies. The trade will have opportunities of coming into the business subsequently, but big handloom weaving establishments and dealers would be allowed to procure their quotas direct from the Provincial Handloom Weavers Society.

There is no intention on the part of Government to introduce statutory rationing of cloth, and consumers would be in a position to purchase their full requirements without restriction. But the Government have expressed the hope that the rich consumers would play fair and would not purchase more than their minimum requirements and that dealers would not indulge in profitteering or blackmarket activities. The main intention of the Government has been stated to be to ensure that cloth reaches all the consumers at fair prices, and thus to remove the scarcity mentality among the public, which is responsible for a good deal of panic buying.

The Madras Government are posting special officers belonging to their co-operative department, in Bombay, Ahmedabad and Sholapur to take charge of the province's cloth allotment for the month of September and to see that the stocks are moved expeditiously to the distributing and consuming centres in Madras. So far as the production of the local mills is concerned, it has been arranged that the production of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills should be distributed through their existing selling agents, while half the production of the Mettur mills will be distributed through their agents and the other half through the co-operative stores. The Government have coupled the announcement regarding the distribution scheme with a warning to the dealers and consumers against indulging in any kind of objectionable practices, which would result in defeating the objective of fair and equitable distribution of cloth at fair prices to the people.

The scheme has been variously criticised by the dealers, the most important point of criticism being that it is unfair to the dealers to be allotted only 50 per cent of the quota. This criticism has been answered by the Government with the argument that the co-operative agency has been given a 50 per cent quota, because firstly, it did not work purely with the profit motive, and secondly, the Government could exercise more effective supervision and control over the work of the co-operative stores through the Co-operative Department then they could over private dealers. Another likely handicap to the successful operation of the scheme is the transport bottleneck, which it is hoped would be got over with the co-operation of the Government of India and the Railway authorities.

RAMAPADASAGAR CONFERENCE

A conference of all those interested in the progress of the Ramapadasagar project, which is intended to harness the waters of the River Godavery by constructing a drain and reservoir at Bhadrachellam on the India-Hyderabad border, and utilise them for irrigation and power development purposes, was held last week-end at Rajahmundry under the presidentship of Sir S. V. Ramamurthy, ex-Advisor to the Madras Government. The conference surveyed the progress so far made in the investigation of this project, which is likely to turn out to be one of the biggest irrigation-cum-power projects in the country, if not in the whole world and requested the Madras Government to proceed with the construction of the project, now that administrative and financial sanction has been accorded to it by the Government of India.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN MADRAS

Road development in Madras is expected to make a big stride forward by the sanction accorded by the Madras Government to a comprehensive five-year plan for the construction of 6000 miles of village and 3000 miles of district roads, excluding national highways, at a total cost of Rs. 10 lakhs. The Government have also sanctioned an allotment of Rs. 110.78 lakhs for repairs of major bridges in the province and a further sum of Rs. 56 lakhs for the restoration of culverts and minor roads.

News in Brief

NAGPUR, Sept. 9 (UPI): Mr. Tyler, Deputy Superintendent of Police, was recently thrown out of the railway compartment while travelling between Chichonda and Teegaon Stations on the Nagpur-Itarsi Section of the G.I.P. Rly. Vigorous investigations are proceeding to trace the culprits.

NAGPUR, Sept. 9 (UPI): The "United Press of India" learns that the Government of C.P. and Berar have decided to grant assistance by way of loans to those who lost their all in the incidents in this province following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

RAJKOT, Sept. 9 (A.P.I.): In view of the failure of the monsoon this year, the Government of Saurashtra is understood to have decided to construct some 800 wells throughout Saurashtra. Loans of upto Rs. 800 will be given to farmers desiring to take advantage of this and construct wells.

PATNA, Sept. 8 (A.P.I.): Over twelve hundred persons died of cholera in Bihar during the week ending August 28, 1948, according to official figures. Four seizures and one death and 662 seizures and 15 deaths were recorded under plague and small-pox respectively during the same period.

NEW DELHI, Sept 9 (A.P.I.): The East Punjab Government have appointed a committee under the chairmanship of the Director of Public Instructions to consider among other things changes in names of towns, rivers, roads, parks and Government buildings in the Province from English to Punjabee or Hindi to make them more appropriate in the new set up.

SYDNEY, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Lieut Commander C. G. Little, who charted Japanese held beaches in the Philippines and New Guiena in advance of Australian and American invasions during the war, has been appointed to a hydrographic command in the Pakistan Navy. Lieut Commander Little has reached retiring age in the Royal Australian Navy after 33 years service.

DELHI FOODS SHED

Members of the Regional Advisory Committee for Railway Priorities, Delhi Region, inspected goods sheds and Parcel Offices in Delhi recently, to see for themselves the congestion caused by the poor rate of removal of goods by consignees. This congestion has resulted in severe restrictions on booking to New Delhi. Picture shows the members discussing ways and means of speeding up clearance of consignments at the Delhi Goods Shed.

How Firms Are Helped To Sell Goods Abroad

COMPETITION INCREASES EVERY MONTH

(By Walter Holton)

Britain is a great exporting country. And now, more than ever before in her history, she is offering to the world all kinds of manufactured articles in great variety.

Some firms in Britain, infact, are now entering the export market for the first time; all are increasing the amount they set aside for overseas buyers.

It is natural that the Government of such an exporting country should have a department which looks after trade and industry. For the Government realises that many firms know little of foreign trading, because up to now they have sold all their goods in the home market. Selling abroad is not quite the same thing as selling at home. Foreign buyers have different tastes, there are tariffs and other countries' regulations to be considered, there are also the difficulties of strange languages and different money. It would take a long time for traders to become used to such conditions without help.

Now, the Board of Trade (which looks after trade and industry), jointly with the Foreign Office, had at one time a section known as the Department of Overseas Trade. Through their officials, scattered all over the world, such as consuls in foreign countries, and trade commissioners in the Commonwealth, they received reports of what people in their districts wished to buy. It was through such an organisation that exporters in Britain could be helped.

WORLD-WIDE ORGANISATION

In 1946, the Department of Overseas Trade was greatly enlarged and renamed the Export Promotion Department. It developed very quickly and within a short time, additional officials were sent out all over the world, until today one can be found in every important centre of industry and commerce throughout the world.

The duty of these officials is to look after the interests of United Kingdom traders. They send in reports of the type of goods required in their area, what the taxes would be, which is the best design, and competing firms in other countries who wish to do business.

This information is passed on to officials of the Export Promotion Department, who have offices in various big cities in Britain. British manufacturers can call at these offices and are able to receive answers to almost any question they ask concerning the export of their goods. They will be told of new foreign markets and given the names of possible buyers. Reports on foreign firms with whom they think of doing business will be obtained, if required.

The names and addresses of the Department's officers overseas can be given them, and should they go abroad they are advised to call and see those officials.

INFORMATION BOOKLETS

To make such overseas trips as easy as possible, booklets giving every information about trading methods, tariffs and exchange, as well as hints to business men travelling abroad, have been provided.

In the event of their not going abroad, they are urged to make certain that their representatives in other lands keep in touch with the Department's officers in their districts.

Another important part of the Departments work is the organisation of the British Industries Fair, held in London and Birmingham every year. They see that foreign buyers have all information about the Fair, and give them every assistance to visit. In the same manner they assist United Kingdom exporters to take part in foreign trade exhibitions and fairs.

A good shop-keer supplies his customer with the kind of goods he requires. The Export Promotion Department's task is to assist the exporter in Britain to do that. British traders know that selling their goods grows harder every month. competition is increasing, but with the guidance and assistance of the Export Promotion Department, they gain confidence in their ability to satisfy their overseas customers.

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EXPORT OF MANGANESE ORE BANNED

Government's Call To Dealers

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): The Government of India have reimposed control over the export of manganese ore, chromite ore and kyanite with immediate effect, says an official announcement today.

This measure has been taken in view of the necessity for directional control over the export of these commodities, and with a view to encouraging the setting up of metallurgic and other allied industries in the country.

Exporters who entered into firm contracts on or before September 8, 1948, with overseas buyers should immediately furnish the Deputy Chief Controller of Exports, Bombay/Calcutta, and the Export Trade Controller, Madras, as the case may be with the following particulars:

Quantity covered by contracts;
Place or places at which the goods are lying;
Port of shipment;
Country of destination;
Evidence of firm contracts and letter of credit opened by consignees, if any;
Figures of actual exports effected by the shipper to each destination during the last three years ended March, 1948.

For Importers Of Copra And Coconut Oil

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9 (API): The International Emergency Food Council in Washington has allocated to India 8,000 tons and 1,000 tons of cocoanut oil, or its equivalent in copra, from Malaya and Netherlands East Indies respectively during the year 1948, says a Press note. Out of these quantities 4,500 tons from Malaya and the whole quantity allocated from Netherlands East Indies are available for importation through commercial channels.

Intending importers should apply to the Import Trade Controllers at the ports. Licenses for import of cocoanut oil from these countries are being issued freely and the holders of licenses may import from these countries upto quantities for which they can secure supplies. As there is no control over cocoanut oil in Malaya, it may be possible for Indian traders to get from the free market either more or less than the quantity alloted to India subject to the price they may be willing to pay for this commodity.

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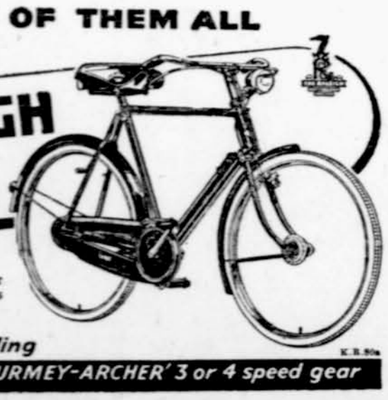

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NEW YORK COTTON FIRM

Effect Of Government Crop Estimate

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (UPA): Cotton futures firmed today under the influence of the government crop estimate, which placed the new crop at 15,219,000 bales.

Although prices improved slightly, trading was sluggish throughout most of the session. Dealers seemed to be awaiting fresh developments in the textile and export picture and the trend in cotton loan entries.

There was little immediate reaction to the government's crop prospect announcement of 15,219 000 bales compared with the August estimate of 15,169,000 bales.

Prices opened unchanged to four lower and ruled lower in the dull pre-announcement hour. Traders seemed to discount the prospects for acreage and marketing of 1949 crop in view of the small increase and the general belief that the Administration would like to sidestep controls decision in the election year. Washington advices indicated that leading trade organizations were making large export estimates in an effort to avoid controls and some dealers were looking to the export market for buying stimulants. Many merchants, however, were expecting the large flow of new cotton to find its way into loans.

Much of the cotton which will be sold is expected to come from growers in need of immediate cash or those unwilling to bother with the red tape involved in obtaining loan.

Generally fair warm weather has stimulated cotton development and checked weevil activity and favoured picking east of Mississippi. Cotton development in the far Southwest is also favourable Picking, too, is making very good progress.

With a heavy marketing period still ahead, experts feel any strength in the market is only temporary Some sources indicate "we have not yet seen the extreme low for the current season."

NEW YORK COTTON
CLOSINGS
New York, Sept. 8.

October	30.94+06
October Highest	30.98+10
October Lowest	30.81+07
December	30.76+07
March	30.58+04
May	30.32+07
July	29.16+03
Middling spot	31.89+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

October	30.90+06
December	30.70+05
March	30.53
May	30.30+05
Middling Spot	30.90+05

American Cotton Crop

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture issued the following estimates in its third crop report of the 1948 season: Production 15,219,000 bales, Condition 82 per cent, Area for harvest 23,323,000 acres, Yield per acre 315.2 pounds.

The estimated area for harvest indicates an abandonment of 1.4 per cent, as compared with 1.2 estimated at this time last year, and an actual abandonment of 1.1 for 1947.

The Bureau of the Census of the Dept. of Commerce issued its third Ginning Report of the season 1,473,000 bales.

SHARP BREAK IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Sept 8. (U.P.A.): Stock prices broke sharply on the New York Stock Exchange today, wiping out around one billion dollars in market valuations. Trading was moderately active.

The trading sentiment in Wall Street reversed itself considerably from that of Tuesday on continued unsettled foreign situation and growing labour disputes throughout the nation. Hopes for a possible settlement of the Berlin blockade dipped to new lows today as Russian planes wheeled over the German city and the western air corridors endangering the aerial movement of supplies to the blockaded city.

The U. S. labour picture darkened and so contributed to the depressed feeling in the Street—85,000 workers already idle.

Stock sales totalled 880,000 shares. Bond sales amounted to dol. 2,630,000 Curb sales aggregated 240,000.

Closing prices included:

Firestone Tire & Rubber	46-1/2
Abbott Laboratories	68-1/2
Allied Chemicals	185-1/2
American Can	154-3/4
American Telephones	154-3/4
American Can	85-1/8
American Tobacco	63-3/4
Bankers Trust	37
Bethlem Steel	36-5/8
Boeing Aircraft	24
Celanese	35-1/8
Chase National Bank	36-1/2
Chryster	60
Consolidated Edison	24-3/8
Douglas Aircraft	54
Dupont	170
Eastman Kodak	43-1/4
General Electric	40-1/4
General Motors	63-1/8
Gillette	33
Goodyear	45-1/4
International Nickel	32-1/8
International Tel & Tel	13-1/8
Lockheed	22-3/4
Nash Kelvintor	18
National City Bank	40-3/8
New York Central	17-3/8
Shell Oil	39-3/8
Southern Pacific	60-1/8
Standard Oil	77-5/8
Studebaker	24-7/8
Swift & Co	32-1/2
Technicolour	13-1/2
Twentieth Century Fox	21
U. S. Steel	80-5/8

LONDON BULLION
LONDON Sept. 8:

London silver spot	4 6d.
Forward	46 d.
Gold bars fine per oz	£8|12|3

NEW YORK SILVER
NEW YORK Sept 9:

U.S. price of foreign silver 75-1/4 cents.

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, Sept. 8.

Australian wheat fob bulk 109 Oct/Nov.

India Needs Foreign Capital

Homi Mody Says Such Investment Must Be On Reasonable Terms

BOMBAY, Sept 8 (API): Sir H. P. Mody, the well-known industrialist, who returned to India last week after a four-month business tour of the United Kingdom and the United States said in an interview here today that Indian industrialists were prepared to play their full part in the development of the country, and, given stable conditions, would be willing to risk such capital resources as they had for the establishment of new projects.

"It would however, be absurd to say that India stood in no need of foreign capital" Sir Homi said "If we are going to achieve anything like the industrial standards of the west, we shall require a substantial measure of assistance from abroad".

On this issue, Sir Homi said, there was a lot of "muddled thinking" It was not a question of good-will, of which he in the course of his tour had abundant indication. But goodwill alone meant little.

"It would be foolish to expect that a business man, whether in the United States or elsewhere, would be actuated by any other than business considerations in his dealings with the nationals of other countries" Sir Homi said

In brief, in order to obtain foreign capital, the terms would have to be reasonably attractive.

In the talks he had abroad he had always emphasised that foreign capital would be welcome in India provided it did not seek to acquire a position of dominance, Sir Homi said In other words, India was anxious to secure financial and technical assistance from abroad on terms which would be mutually advantageous. The only condition that needed to be imposed was the safeguarding of national interests. Sir Homi hoped that that was a correct interpretation of the policy of the Government of India.

Movement Of Piecegoods

BOMBAY, Sept. 9 (UPI): A Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner, India, today says:

"Applications for the movement of piece-goods from Provincial and State nominees who are holders of purchase authorities in Bombay will be received on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 10th, 11th and 13th September between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon, in addition to the receipt of applications during the usual hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Only those who have got the goods ready in their possession for despatch should apply.

Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
CALICUT, Sept. 9.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145, Quilandy 145/155, Fibre Garbled 100, Ungarbled 90, Cocoanuts Raw 105, Dry 150, Cocoanutoil 485, Copra Office 332/8, Dilpasand 345, Madrasnottam 365, Pepper Wynaad 1400, Country 1390, Dryginger Chernad 450, Ernad 420, Coffee Robusta 150, Timber Pali 50/60, Junglewood 30/40, Vellapine 45/55, Benteak 40/50 Teak 70/20, Mango 3/3/12, Teak 15/20, Rosewood 16/20, Ln 26/1.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Sept. 9.

Market opened dull fractionally but continously improved on heavy bear covering particularly in mill shares. Closed steady.

Calico opened 1147, lowest 1145, highest and closed 1180.

Arvind 1317, lowest 1312, hihgest 1354, closed 1352.

Ambika opened 369, lowest 367, highest and closed 383.

C/psomg quotations Calico:—Calico 1180, Arvind 1352, Ambica 383, Deffered 1518, Ajit 350, Bihari 267/8, Bhalkia 165, Rohit 485, Shorok 702/8, Saraspur 555.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)
HAPUR, Sept 9

Yesterday closing: Silver 151/15, Gold 102/4, Gur Fagan 9/10/6,

Todays: Silver Forward 152/14, Opened 152/10, Gold Forward 103/4, Opened quietly steady.

Gur ready 14/8, Fagan 9/10/3, Opened 9/11/3. Bardana ready 109, Red 117, Asug 105, October 116, Wheat 26/23, Gram 14/12, Barley 14, Pede 13, Orhar 12/12, Moong 19, Rud 20, Sarsoon 25, Mustard Oil 68, Oilcake 8/8, Cottonseed 14, Groundnut 17, Oats 9/8.

Foodgrains prices rising rapidly on failure of Kharif and paddy crops throughout province.

CORN PACES GRAIN MARKET TO HIGH GROUND
CHICAGO, Sept. 8 (UPA)

Grain, wheat futures and September corn paced the grain market to-day to a high ground before the late liquidation cut most of the gains. Wheat positions finished on a fairly strong note but activity elsewhere was irregular.

Good government buying support in the cash wheat market bolstered broad grain.

Closing prices included:
WHEAT:
September 2.22 5/8;
December 2.25 1/8—1/4;
May 2.16 1/4—1/2;
July 1.93 1/2—3/8.
MAIZE
September 1.69—1.68 3/4;
December 1.40 1/8—1/4;
May 1.43 1/4—3/8;
July 1.44 3/8.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Sept. 8.

Consols 2½ p.c. £77-3/16.
Conversion Loan 3½ 1961 £104-15/16.
War Loan 3½ p.c. 1952 and after £103-15/16.
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90 £114½
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg. £121½
National Bank of India £34½.
Transactions on the London Stock Exchanges are officially placed at 6,284.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.

Previous closing	30.94
Today's opening	30.97
Difference	+3
Today's closing	30.95
Difference	+1

LAST QUOTATIONS
BOMBAY, Sept. 9.

Silver Bullion forward (new)	Rs.	167	8	0
Silver ready	Rs.	173	8	0
Gold ready	Rs.	115	0	0
Sovereign	Rs.	76	8	0
Expectation: Cotton Jarila Sept.	Rs.	559	0	0

NEW YORK STOCKS
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.
General Motors unquoted.
United States Steel 79-1/4.
United States Steel Pref. unquoted.

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter): The feature of today's dealings on London's Stockmarket has been that of Thomas Tillings, the price of which rose sharply following the overnight publication that agreement had been reached for the sale of its passenger road transport and road haulage undertakings to the transport commission, with the purchasing price expected to be around 25,000,000 sterling. The value of this stock jumped from 101 Shillings to 117 and six but later reacted and closed around 113 and 6.

Amongst industrials tobaccos were fractionally easier where mentioned likewise shippings, electrics and textiles whilst breweries were completely devoid of movement. The few initial gains made by selected irons and steels were quickly shed and this section following the general trend closed easier.

British Government securities lacked support and consequently were inclined to ease, but selling was considered to be no more than normal routine business.

Internationals were easier in sympathy with overnight weakness of Wallstreet.

Middle Wits among the mining issues were one shilling higher at 28 and 6 in anticipation of favourable developments of this property but reaction followed and the issue closed below the best at 279.

Other minings were dull.

Chicago Grain Market

CHICAGO, Sept. 8 (Reuter). Chicago grains were strong reflecting an active buying movement touched off by news that the production and marketing administration has re-entered the export flour market at Atlantic coast ports, continued strength of the cash maize market and reports of much higher marketing of wheat in the Central and south-western states. Towards the close maize prices declined from the day's best levels under more liberal country offerings attracted by the earlier sharp advance with other grains easing sympathetically.

Calcutta Share Bazar Displays Steady Tone

CALCUTTA, Sept. 9.

A setdy feeling was witnessed in the market today due to a fresh buying and a limited turnover took place. Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 99/2 three cent loan 1949/52 100/4 S lots three per cent loan 1951/54 102/11 three per cent loan 1953/55 102/13 three per cent loan 1966/68 100/5.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 10/2 Hindustan Mercantile Bank 25/8 Ct Reserve Bank 112 United Commercial Bank 60/12.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 12 Elgin Mills 19/4 S lot Coals Bengal 434 Burrakur 20/12 Central India 6/15 Churulia 4/11 Jainty Central 1/14 New Beerphoom 17/8 South Karanpura 23/2 west Jamuria 32/3 Ct.

JUTES: Agapara 25/14—, per cent 9 India 295 Bally 270 Howrah 29/4 India 187 Kamarhatty 305 Kelvin 315 National 27/6 Nuddea 85 Union 427.

MININGS: Burma Corp. 3/2 Indian Copper 2/9.

ENGINEERINGS: Britania Eng. 14/4 Ct Indian Iron and Steel 25/10 Textile Machinery 7/14.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 7/5 Dalmia Cement 9/9 Sone Valley Cement 7/7 Alluminium Corp 5/15 Bararee Coke 22 Ct BIC 7/14 Calcutta Trams 22 Indian Cables 37/8 Ct Jardine Henderson 168 Indian National Airways 7/4 Indian Wood Products 31/1 Martin 14/12 National Tobacco 19/12 Bengal Paper 38 Mysore Paper 13/6 A Shree Gopal Paper Midnapore E Zemindary 87 Assam Saws 7/5 India General Navgn 107 India Steamship 10/15.

SUGARS: Balrampore 10.

TEAS: East India 19/8 Rutema 1306 Sington 6/9 Tezpore 26/6.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, Sept. 9.

Generally steady conditions prevailed with a fair turnover in banking and planting groups. Textiles ruled dull and miscellaneous neglected.

The market closed steady.

Following are closing quotations:—

SECURITIES: Three per cent 1986 Government of India loan 99/10 three per cent 1970/75 Government of India loan 100/5 three per cent 1952/54 Government of Travancore 103/1 three per cent 1960 Government of Madras 101.

BANKS: Reserve 108/8 Travancore 21/10.

PLANTINGS: Chembras 5/14 Cochin Malabar 6 Devashola 17/8 Midlands 6/7 Nelliampathy S 1/7/6 Ouchterlony 6/4 Periakaramalai 23 Pullangodes 1/5 Thirumbadi 2/5 T R and T Co 6/13 Waterfalls 2/6/6.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 38/8 Buckingham 170 Ditto Pref 7-1/2 per cent 196 Cambodias 9/9 Coinbators Cm 90/8 Janardhanas 48 Lakshmi 65/8 Maduras 39/4 Metturs 317/8 Mysore Spun 7 Radhakrishnas 135 Rajalaxmis 55/4 Ranga Vilas 43 Trav Rayons 4/10 Trichinopolys 12/14.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cements 59 FACTS 6/2/6 India Cements 15 Mettur Chem 8/10 Mysore Chem Ferts 9/2 Mysore Papers 13/12.

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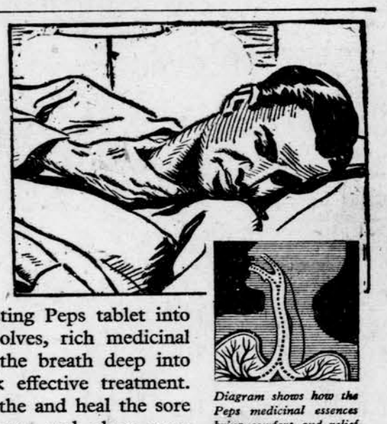

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BOMBAY Stock Exchange

Early Decline Attracts Short Covering In Steels

Bombay, Sept. 9.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was quietly steady with restricted business. There was only routine trading and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Traders are not inclined to operate pending the announcement of the Government's economic policy.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened at Rs. 1502-8 against previous closing at Rs. 1500. There was scattered buying at the initial stage and Defds improved at Rs. 1507-8. At this level there appeared sudden selling which depressed the market at Rs. 1485, but timely support soon appeared and Defds rallied at Rs. 1498-12. There was further buying support and some short covering which hardened Defds at Rs. 1512-8. Thereafter there was scattered selling and the market steadied at Rs. 1506-4. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 297-8, and after declining at Rs. 295-8 improved at Rs. 298-8. Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 20-10 while Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 25-5.

Cotton Mill shares also fluctuated within a narrow range without any trend. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1022-8 and after declining at Rs. 1012-8, firmed up at Rs. 1028-12 on moderate support and steadied at Rs. 1025. Central India shares opened at Rs. 262 and improved at Rs. 265. Gokaks were placed at Rs. 286, while Finlays were done at Rs. 276. Kohinoor shares opened at Rs. 296 and after declining at Rs. 293 improved at Rs. 298-8 and steadied at the opening rate. Swadeshi shares were quoted at Rs. 294 and Tata Mills changed hands at Rs. 67. Century shares were done at Rs. 517-8, while Colaba Land shares were quoted at Rs. 141-4. Simplex shares were done at Rs. 181.

The Bank section was quiet with small selling. Central Bank shares opened at Rs. 85-8 and declined at Rs. 84. Imperial Old fully paid shares opened at Rs. 1970 and declined at Rs. 1962-8. United Commercials were done at Rs. 60-8. Reserve Bank shares come in business at Rs. 112-8. India Banks opened at Rs. 201-8 and declined at Rs. 198. Unions were quiet at Rs. 8-15.

In the miscellaneous section Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 154-12, while Belapurs were done at Rs. 248-8. Premier Constructions were placed at Rs. 184-8. Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 387. Tata Chemicals were done at Rs. 14-6. Scindia shares were placed at Rs. 24.

FORWARD SECTION

Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	1027	8
Kohinoor Mills (6-12)	299	0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	296	0
Central India Mills (4)	268	0
Simplex Mills	181	0
New Great Eastern (10)	150	0
Gokak Mills (9 plus 3)	287	0
Indore Malwa (21)	497	8
Century Spinning (15)	517	8
Colaba Land and Mills (12)	141	4
Indian Bleaching (6)	173	0
Swan Mills (20)	325	0
Finlay Mills (15)	278	0
Morarji Goculdas	497	8
Edward Sassoon (30)	500	0
Meyer Mills (12)	146	4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3	0
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	11	13
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1-15-6	
Madhusudan Mills (15)	241	4
Podar (S.)	160	0
Khatau Makanjee (8)	247	8
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	298	8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-14-1)	1512	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	143	0
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (5)	155	0
Burma (12-8)	387	8
Belapur Sugar (12) XR	252	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	34	8
Scindia Steam (1-4)	24	1
Premier Construction	185	0
Tata Chemicals	14	5
Tata Oil (2)	55	0
India Iron (0-6)	25	6
Bengal Steel (0-8)	20	12
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Hydro (4-8)	157	0
Andhra Valley (45)	1497	8
Tata Power (50)	1595	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	174	0
Phoenix Mills (50)	453	12
Indian Manufacturing	4260	0
Kooria Mills (5) X.R.	148	12
Dawn Mills (40)	1000	0
David Mills (6)	19	8
New City Mills (10)	212	8
Minerva Mills (12)	161	4
Bradbury Mills (12)	700	0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5	5
Bharat Mills (2)	35	8
Mysore Spg. Mills	192	8
Madhovji Dharamsi (0-12)	15	8
Model Mills (12-8)	177	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	702	8
Vishnu Cotton (8) X.D.	257	8
Western India (40)	4010	0
Standard Mills (15)	580	0
Sholapur Mills (200)	4520	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	12	0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4185	0
Tata Mills (3)	66	12
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	277	8
Ahmedabad Advance New	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3)	91	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	12	0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	47	0
Shrinivas Mills	195	0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	126	4
Berar Mills	275	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
Colaba Land Coupon	42	0
New Great New	142	0
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Ahmedabad Electric (3-8)	121	4
Ahmedabad New	13	2
Surat Electricity (2-8)	143	12
Surat New	142	8
Karachi Electric Supply (2)	147	8
Broach (0-5)	10	0
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	12
Amalgamated (0-12)	13	4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	63	0
Poona Electric Supply	155	0
Bombay Suburban Old (3)	150	0
Bombay Suburban New (2) XD	131	4
BANK SHARES		
Reserve Bank (2-12)	113	0
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1960	0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12)	482	8
Central Bank Old (1-8) XD	84	0
Central Bank New	85	8
Bank of India (4)	197	0
Union Bank of India	9	1
Bank of Boroda (2-8) X.D.	153	0
Habib Bank (4)	161	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	52	0
United Commercial (1-8)	60	8
Jaipur Bank (1/6)	48	0
Hindustan Commercial	27	0
Mysore Bank (8)	865	0
Exchange Bank	38	0
Eastern Bank	105	0
Bank of India Coupon	38	0
INSURANCE		
Oriental	5150	0
Empire	692	8
New India	63	0
Jupiter	25	0
Vulcan	13	4
Indian Mercantile (2)	44	0
Universal	11	4
B. I. G.	23	12
Industrial and Prudential	29	0
Neptune Assurance	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India Central	21	12
RAILWAY SHARES		
Central Provinces (1-4)	108	0
Mymensingh Rebate (2)	103	0
Mymensingh Guaranteed (1-4)	103	12
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	107	10
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Alcock Ashdown (15)	310	0
Bombay Steamer (28)	588	12
Bombay Burma New (5)	136	14
British Burma Petrol	2-0-6	
Mackenzie (6)	90	0
Port Canning (6)	75	4
Kemp and Co. (New)	462	8
Kemp and Co. (30)	475	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150	0
Industrial Invest. Trust (4)	99	8
Western India Match (7-5)	302	8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	34	4
Mukund Iron	10	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	21	0
Alembic Chemical (15) X. R.	205	0
Supreme India	123	12
Jam Wire (6)	73	0
Bombay Uganda	69	1
Bombay Motor Cycle	42	0
Walchand Nagar Industries	200	0
United Motor	74	0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	96	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	910	0
Hydary Construction	19	8
Mahmadi Steam	95	0
Gujarat Motor	25	2
Sardar Carbonic	750	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estrela Batteries	51	0
Prince of Wales Press	610	0
Manmad Press	120	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	192	4
Andhra Valley (7)	1310	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1392	8
Hydro Electric (7)	130	0
Bombay Steamer (6)	310	0
Central India (5)	652	8
Swadeshi Mills	146	4

Late Trading

tAfter the official closing Tata Steel Depds were quoted at Rs. 1517-8 was declared at Rs. 1500.

Vishnu Mills (7)	647	8
Lakshmi Mills	277	8
New Great Mills (5-8)	222	8
Podar Mills (4)	105	0
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	113	2
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	379	6
Surat Electricity (3-4)	131	4
Premier Construction 1st (6-1-4	120	0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	120	0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123	2
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical (5)	137	8
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	160	0
Jupiter General	19	14
Supreme	120	0
Meyer	121	0
Mackenzie 1st	127	8
Mackenzie 2nd	125	0
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8
Mysore Mills	50	0
Standard Mills	101	0
Madhusudan Mills	12	0
Khatau Mills	105	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952 (4)	103	8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	107	0
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	111	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchand Nagpur (6)	117	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Indian Copper (2-7) X-D	2	8
British India Corpn. (0-10)	7 13	6
Burma Corporation	3	3
New Victoria Mill	3	12
Phalton Sugar (8)	123	8
Gold Mohur (20)	325	0
New Kaiser-i-Hind	375	0
Sajjan Mills (3)	225	0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	1	1
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	260	0
Air Service	11	0
Ambica Air Lines	15	2
Air India (X-D)	145	0
Hind Motor	5	15
Indian Steam	10	13

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Sept. 9

Tata Ordinary	298	8
Tata Deferred	1512	8
Indian Iron	25	6
Steel Corpn. of Bengal	20	12
Bombay Dyeing	1027	8
Central India	260	10
Gokak	286	14
Kohinoor	298	2
Simplex	181	4
Swadeshi	296	4
Tata Power	1595	0
Associated Cement	155	0
Belapur	252	8
Bombay Burma (Old)	388	8
Scindia	24	1
Central Bank	84	0
New India	63	0
Tata 2nd Pref.	143	2

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Sept. 9.

The Bullion market was fairly firm under active buying and Silver prices firmed up. Shorts were again badly caught and they were compelled to pay Rs. 4 as carry over charge to the next settlement.

Trading in the next settlement was started to-day and the opening rate was Rs. 167-14. There was active buying and the market sharply advanced at Rs. 169-6 and steadied at Rs. 169-2. Current settlement was quoted at Rs. 173-12 and Ready Silver business was reported at Rs. 174.

Gold was quiet under the belief that imports will be allowed. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 114-12 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 77.

The market finally closed as under:

Ready Silver	173	4	0
Forward Silver	167	1	0
Ready Gold	115	8	0
Sovereigns	76	8	0

Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Sept. 9

		Pics
45 x 11		
Ready	110½	0 0
Aug.-Sept.	111½	0 0
D.W. 40 x 28		
Ready	117	0 0
Aug.-Sept.	170	0 0
Oct.-Dec.	115	8 0

Sugar Market

BOMBAY, Sept. 9

Small Grain	106	0	0
Medium Size	109	0	0
Big Size	112	0	0
Extra Big	115	0	0
October Dely	37	1	0
January Delay	31	4	0
Arrivals Bags	10043		

Metal Market

BOMBAY, Sept. 9

Tin Aso Dely	60	12	0
Copper Aso Delay	39	12	0

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Sept 8

Maha Dely 179 to 182

Italian Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Sept. 9.

150 D September	4	5	9
150 D. October	4	5	9
150 D Ready	4	6	0
120 D Ready	4	4	0

20/22 Yellow Silk

September	26	5	0
October	26	5	0
Ready	26	5	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98	14
2 1/4 per cent 1950	101	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	3
2 3/4 per cent 1960	100	2
2 3/4 per cent 1962	100	2
2 3/4 per cent 1976	98	14
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99	6
3 per cent 1986 Con.	99	11
3 per cent 1949-52	100	15
3 per cent 1951-54	102	12
3 per cent 1953-55	102	14
3 per cent 1951	102	8
3 per cent 1959-61	101	15
3 per cent 1963-65	100	15
3 per cent 1966-68	100	6
3 per cent 1970-75	100	5
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	105	6
4 per cent 1948-53	101	2
4 per cent 1960-70	110	12
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	104	8
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112	6
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	116	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS		
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	89	0
2 3/4 per cent U. P. 1961	98	0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	98	14
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8
3 per cent Bombay 1958	101	12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6
3 per cent N. W. F. 1952	99	10
3 per cent U. P. 1961-66	100	2
4 per cent Bombay Municipality D	111	0
5 per cent Bom. Muni. 1959	115	0
6 per cent Bom. Muni. 1954	116	0
3-1/4 per cent Municipality 1977	101	8
6 K. P. T.	114	0

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

The Directors of the above bank have declared interim dividend for the current year of 6 per cent actual subject to the income tax Dividend payable on October 1st.

THE EASTERN BANK LTD.

Directors of the above Bank have declared an interim divident at the rate of 2 shillings and 6d. per share less income-tax at the rate of nine shillings per pound. Dividend payable on October 4 and transfer books closed from September 17 to October 2 both days inclusive.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Sept. 9.

As pointed out before some professional operators are making attempts to corner the market and it is freely talked in the bazar that some mill is interested in it.

The market opened firm at Rs. 544 for September delivery and sharply advanced at Rs. 550 on active buying and short covering. Thereafter there was some profit-taking and the market reacted at Rs. 547. Traders are inclined to await the decision of the general meeting which is called this afternoon.

Thereafter there was moderate buying and September delivery advanced at Rs. 552 and steadied at Rs. 550.

To-day 11,900 bales were tendered against September contract.

So far no decision is taken about trading in new crop months, but today fairly good was reported at Rs. 572.

There was persistent buying and September option firmed up at Rs. 558. Scattered realising, at this level brought down the market at Rs. 554. Trading in new crop months was done at a premium of Rs. 21 over September.

The market finally closed at 3 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. September ..... Rs. 557 8 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton September contract is 1021 cent points below New York October at exchange rate 331.

PRIVATE TRADING IN COTTON

After the close private business was done and September after advancing at Rs. 564 reacted at Rs. 559. New crop was quoted at Rs. 574.

Improving Accuracy Of Official Cotton Forecasts

BOMBAY, Sept. 9: The question of improving the accuracy of the official cotton forecasts has been engaging the attention of the Indian Central Cotton Committee for some years. With this end in view the All-India cotton forecasts of each season are subjected by the Committee to a comprehensive "post mortem" examination in the light of the information available at the close of the season. The inaccuracies observed and their possible causes are subsequently brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities in the Provinces and States concerned together with suggestions and recommendations for their avoidance in future forecasts. The results of the annual examination conducted by the Committee are also published for general information but this practice was discontinued during the war. The publication has now been resumed.

"The report just released by the Committee deals with the results of the "post-mortem" examination of the cotton forecasts during a period of five years covering the seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46 for undivided India. According to the Report, the under-estimation in the forecast crop varied from 8 to 22 per cent of the actual, the average for the quinquennium being 15 per cent. Separate details for the Indian Union and Pakistan for the various items entering into the calculation of the actual crop are not available. It is, however, estimated that the final crop figuers for the Indian Union and Pakistan were under estimated by 11 and 12 per cent of the respective actuals in the quinquennium ending 1945-46. The under-estimation was chiefly accounted for by the United Provinces, Punjab, Sind, Bombay Province, Rajputana and Mysore State. On the other hand, the forecasts of the Hiderabad State forecasts of the Hyderabad State were over-estimated.

General Meeting Adopts Cotton Basic Hedge Contract Of 25/32 Inch Staple

The adjourned general meeting of the members of the East India Cotton Association was held on Thursday afternoon under the Presidentship of Sir Purshottamdas Thakordas and the following resolution was passed.

"The general meeting of the authorised representation of members resolves that the proposals for revisions in the Indian Cotton contract as recommended by the Hedge Contract Sub-Committee and circulated with notice dated August 2, they are hereby adopts subject to the following alterations:

(1) That the basic staple length of jarilla shall be 25/32 inch with a tolerance of 1/32 inch.

(2) That the penalty for failure to tender cotton under bye-laws 64 shall be Rs. 7/8 per candy instead of Rs. 25 per candy as recommended.

(Full Report will appear on Saturday)

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Sept. 9

MILLS

Apollo 3/0/6 3
Bharat 35 35/8
B. Dyeing 1022/8 12/8 28/12 23/12 25 21/4 30 26/4 27/8
C. India 262 66 65 68 67 68
C. Pref. 650 52/8
Century 517/8
Colaba 141/4
Dawn 1000
E. Textiles 502/8 500
Finlay 276 79 77 80 78
Gokak 285 84 87 86 87
I. U. Defd. 1/15/6 1/15 1/15/6
I. U. Ord. 11/14 11/10/6 12 11/15
Indore 502/8 10 495 97/8 95 97/8
Kohinoor 296 93 98/8 96 97/8 96/8 99
Mysore 192/8
New Great 150
Phoenix 453/12
Podar 160
Simplex 180 78 81
Swadeshi 293 92 93/8 92/8 96 94 96 95 96
Swan 325
Tata Mills 67/12 66/12
Vishnu 262/8 57/8
C. P. Rly 108

BANKS

Baroda 153
Central 85/8 84
Imperial Old 1970 60
Imperial, New 485 81/4 82/8
India 201/8 197/8 98 97
Reserve 113/8 12 13
Union 8/15 9/1
U. Commercial 60/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 121/4
Karachi 147/8
Hydro 159 57
Power 1600 1592/8 95
New India 63/8 63

STEAMER

B. Steam 587/8 88/12
B. Steam Pref. 310
Scindia 24 23/11 24/4 24/1 24/3 24 24/1

STEEL

B. Steel 20/10 20/8 20/12
I. Iron 25/5 25/1 25/3 25/12 25/6 25/4 25/6
Tata Defd 1502/8 7/8 1485 1512/8 6/4 15 5 10 2/8 12/8
Tata Ord. 297/8 95/8 97 95/8 98/8 98 99 97/8 98/8
IInd Pref 144 43

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 310
A.C.C. Old 156 54 55 54/8 55
A.C.C. New 96/8 95/8 96
Belapur 250 47 52
B.B. Old 387/8 82/8 87/8
B.B. Petrol 2 2/0/3 1/15 2/0/6
P. Const. 183/8 85 84/8 85
P. Const. 1st Pref. 120
Shivrajpur 35 34/8
Tata Chem. 14/8 14/5
Tata Oil 54/8 55
Wimco 302/8

SPECIAL

India Bank Coupon 38
Vishnu Cotton Pref. 645 47/8

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Sept. 9.

The local produce market was fairly steady today. The unfounded rumour about fixing prices for castorseeds, which resulted in a sharp decline yesterday evening seems to have unnerved local operators. The sharp decline attracted moderate short covering but at the rise there was some long liquidation.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 116/4 and declined at Rs. 115/14. At this level there was general short covering and the market firmed up at Rs. 118 but reacted at Rs. 117/8. Groundnuts and linseed sections were dull with very little business passing.

Later on there was increased selling in castorseed May delivery and after declining at Rs. 114-8 rallied as under:—

GROUNDNUTS:			
Khandesh quality	32	12	0
Coromandal	32	4	0
Bold ready	31	12	0
Bold December-January	28	9	0
CASTORSEEDS:			
Ready	30	0	0
May delivery	115	8	0
LINSEEDS:			
Ready	26	6	0
Sept.-Oct. delivery	26	8	0
Nov.-Dec. delivery	27	0	0
GROUNDNUT OILS:			
Ready receipts	18	4	0
September	18	4	0
October	18	2	0
November	17	6	0
December	17	3	0
Linseed oil	16	9	0
Castorseed oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castorseed oil Commercial Quality	17	8	0

Produce Receipts

Cotton Bales	4074
Linseed	6084
Groundnuts	4949
Gram	7060
Castor Seeds	502
Mahuda	798
Cotton Seed	9336
Sugar	4165
Rice	1775

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India, for the week ended the 3rd day of September.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	35,60,12,000
Notes in circulation	12,17,23,91,000
Total Liabilities	12,52,84,03,000

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion :—	
(a) Held in India	42,71,91,000
Sterling Securities	7,96,64,28,000
Total Of A	8,39,36,19,000
B. Rupee Coin	45,16,85,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	3,68,30,99,000
Total Assets	12,52,84,03,000

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits.—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	2,34,21,63,000
(2) Other Governments	17,76,64,000
(b) Banks	22,64,28,000
(c) Others	61,75,26,000
Bills Payable	3,51,39,000
Other Liabilities	7,51,77,000
Rupees	4,27,40,97,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	35,60,12,000
Rupee Coin	6,42,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,47,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted :	
(a) Internal	26,23,000
(b) External	....
(c) Government Treasury Bills	4,08,47,000
Balances held abroad	3,11,29,23,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	2,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	7,64,000
Investments	73,48,47,000
Other Assets	2,50,92,000
Rupees	4,27,40,97,000

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (UPA)

The pepper market closed inactive and nominally unchanged on the New York Produce Exchange to-day.

The extension of the truck strike around New York tended to discourage spot buying. Dealers indicated however that considerable business is likely to develop as soon as delivery is possible.

Further interest was noted for the new crop. Indian pepper but no bookings could be confirmed.

Closing prices included:

September	73
October	72
December	72
January	64
March	59
May	59
July	56

In the ready section, black was quoted at 77-78 cents asked and white at 76 cents asked.

Other seed prices included:

Castorseeds dol. 130 nom per long ton fob Brazilian ports;

Cottonseeds: dol. 70 nom per ton, basis Memphis, depending on quality;

Linseed dol. 6.10 per bushel, Minneapolis;

Linseed Oil 28 cents per pound in tank cars;

Groundnuts 18.50-.75 cents per pound

Groundnut oil 25 cents per pound, nom.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, Sept. 8 (UPA)

On the London market to-day, black pepper was quoted at 3/4 1/2 and white 3/6 3/4 compared with the previous quotations of 3/4 1/4 and 3/7 1/2 respectively.

CHEQUES CLEARED

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending the 2-9-1948 were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 147723.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 39,86,88,259-11-9.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

From Port Sudan—2700 bales cotton.

S.S. STRAIT HAIRD

From London—153 cases meat preservers.

S.S. STAR OF EGYPT

From Leghorn—100 cases brass shottings of Italian orig. 147 cases shoddy woollen piece goods; 60 cases shoddy wollen fabrics 4247 cylinders caustic soda.

From Genoa—55 cases iron wire; 760 drums caustic soda solid, 275 drums alinine colour, 90 drums auxiliary textile chemicals; 60 barrels coaltar dyes, 200 barrels aniline dystuff, 326 boltos quick silver, 50 bales rugs.

From Alexandria—990 bales cotton.

From Aden—175 bags gum alibanum.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT BY AIR

To Karachi—27 pkgs art silk piece goods, 105 pkgs art silk piece goods, —G. S. Dadarwalla. 65 pkgs. art silk piece goods—Jaybharat Yarn Trading Co.

S.S. INDIAN PIONEER

To Karachi—25 bags gum alibanum —J. F. J. Laljee and Co. 567 drums paint—Goodlasswall Ltd 200 drums jaggery—Daisain and Co. 15 cases art silk piece goods—A.S.A. Y Vakil, 20 cases rubber balloons—Allied Agencies. 5 cases art silk piece goods—A.A. Mohmed, 20 cases harmless medicines—The Chemical Indus. and Pher. Ltd. 19 cases hair oil—Regul Perfumery Works, 12 bdls. cotton waste—United India Trading Co. 80 bags aluminium ware—Bhimji and Co.

S.S. FATIMA

To Karachi—132 cases cigarettes—N. T. Company of India Ltd. 200 drums cilicate of soda—B. S. Factory, 25 drums cilicate of soda—E. Kassam, 360 bags soft stone powder—H. M. Shariff.

S.S. CITY OF SWANSEA

To Montreal—400 cases cashew kernels—Gantye Bros.

S. S. CAZANA

To Karachi—50 gwls. tanned leather —A. Manji, 53 pkgs. cotton waste—A. A. Sattar, 200 cases peppermint—H. S. H. Joumal, 100 bdls. bidies—H. Esmail 15 cases scientific glass ware—M. Kassam.

S.S. PRESIDENT MONROE

To New York—184 bags gum karaya —S D. Dharsi.

S.S. BHADRAVATI

To Karachi—600 pkgs bidi leaves— G. Vallabji, 1030 pkgs. bidi leaves— Pakistan Central Agency.

S.S. HOUGH SILVERMOON

To Singapore—6 cases aluminium ware—K. Eng. Corp. Ltd.

S S PRESIDENT FILMORE

To Suez—16 cases rubber balloons— N. N. Guha.

To New York—133 bags gum karaya S.M. Rajgor and Co.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

"Sheelavati" with 1024 tons of salt and cotton on September 4 Agents: B.I.S.N. Co.

"Khandalla" with general cargo of 2544 tons on September 4 Agents: B.I.S.N. Co.

"Carlsbad" in ballast on September 5 Agents: Caltex Ltd.

"Bharatratna" with 5850 tons coal and general cargo on September 5 Agents: Bharat Lines.

"R.F.A. Wave Commander" in ballast on September 5 Agents: A.I.O.C. India.

"President Philmore" with general cargo of 1196 tons on September 5 Agents: Forbes, Forbes Campbell.

"Argofax" with 4000 tons of petroleum products in drums on September 6 Agents: James Mackintosh and Co.

"Cliffsid" with general cargo of 6100 tons on September 6 Agents: James Finlay and Co.

"Garoughfalia" with 6532 tons of coal on September 6 Agents: Killick Nixon.

"Rebeverett" with 980 tons of general cargo on September 6 Agents: Killick Nixon.

"Hersum" with 7000 tons of general cargo on September 6 Agents: Volkart Bros.

"Finlamore Hill" with 3500 tons of general cargo on September 7 Agents: B.I.S.N.

"Virginia May" with 1400 tons general cargo on September 7 Agents: Ramadas Pahladri.

"M. V. Forenia" in ballast on September 7 Agents: A.I.C.C.

"Barpeta" with 958 tons of general cargo on September 7 Agents: B.I. S.N.

"Jalavira" with 3315 tons of salt and general cargo on September 7 Agents: Narottam Morarjee and Co.

"Gezana" in ballast on September 7 Agents: Mackinnon Mackenzee.

"Pemba" with 4449 tons of cotton, wheat and general cargo on September 7 Agents: Mackinnon Mackenzee.

"Timaro" with 225 tons of general cargo on September 7 Agents: Volkart Bros.

"M/S Travancore" with 5600 tons of general cargo on September 8 Agents: United Liner Agencies (India) Ltd.

"Tweed More Park" with 3500 tons of general cargo on September 8 Agents: Mackinnon Mackenzee.

DEPARTURES

"Excelsior" for Calcutta with 7000 tons of general cargo on September 6.

"Heigh Silver Moon" for Los Angeles with general cargo on September 6.

"Amra" for Durban with general cargo on September 6.

"Jaladurga" for Jeddah in ballast on September 6.

"Bambrook for Calcutta with general cargo on September 6.

"Saint Gothand" for Calcutta with general cargo of 1200 tons on September 6.

"M. V. Caledonia" for Glasgow with general cargo of 2087 tons on September 8.

"Tarantia" for Calcutta with 281 tons of general cargo on September 8.

"H. Silverlight" for Bashra with general cargo of 2000 tons on September 9.

"Strathnaver" for London with 32 tons of general cargo on September 9.

"Rosebank" for Calicut with 2292 tons of general cargo on September 9.

"Mania L. for Calcutta with general cargo on September 6.

"Islami" for Jeddah in ballast on September 5.

"Alavi" for Karachi in ballast on September 7.

"Fatima" for Karachi with general cargo on September 8.

"Straithaid" for Sydney with 1600 tons of general cargo on September 4.

"Mharat Mata" for Chittagong with 5645 tons of salt on September 4.

"Derwenthall" for Chittagong with 4000 tons of general cargo on September 5.

"Dara" for Basrah with 1495 tons of general cargo on September 5.

"Pasha" for Calcutta with 1852 tons of general cargo on September 6.

"Bharat Bala" for Bhavanagar with 635 tons of general cargo on September 6.

"Bamora" for Bassrah with 720 tons of general cargo on September 7.

"Hoegh Trader" for Australia with 650 tons of general cargo on September 7.

We given below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under the agency of Messrs. Volkart Brothers:—

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY:

From U.S. Pacific Coast:

s.s. "Limburg" Due 12th September.
s.s. "Hoegh Silverspray" Due 12th September.
s.s. "Borneo" Due 25th September.

From U.S. Atlantic Coast:

s.s. "Mangalore" Due 23rd September.

From Italy:

s.s. "Carbonello" Due 2nd October.

From Rotterdam/Antwerp:

s.s. "Laurenskerk" Due 30th September.

From Persian Gluf via Karachi:

s.s. "Hoegh Silverlight" Due 24th September.
s.s. "Van-der-Waals" Due 2nd October.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY:

From Calcutta via Colombo:

s.s. "Ittersum" Sails 15th September.
s.s. "Limburg" Sails 20th September.
s.s. "Mangalore" Sails 30th September.
s.s. "Borneo" Sails 3rd October.
s.s. "Laurenskerk" Sails 7th October.

For Australia:

s.s. "Hoegh Silverlight" Sails 30th September.

For Persian Gulf via Karachi:

s.s. "Hoegh Silverspray" Sails 20th September.

For Mediterranean & North Continental Ports:

s.s. "Aldaramin" Sails 14th September.
s.s. "Van-der-Waals" Sails 7th October.

For Italy:

s.s. "Timavo"

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Explosive Found In Godse's Room

POONA SHOPKEEPER'S EVIDENCE IN MAHATMA MURDER TRIAL

Three Wanted Men Are Still Absconding, Says Gwalior Police Superintendent

RED FORT, DELHI Sept. 9 (API) Mahadeo Govind Kulkarni, a shopkeeper of Poona who acted as a panch when the room of Nathuram V. Godse was searched in Poona following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, gave evidence today before Mr. Atma Chaaran special judge in the Gandhi murder case at Red Fort today.

Mr. Kulkarni identified Nathuram Godse in the court and said that he (Godse) was living in a room in the Dattatrya Narayan Hajib building on Sadashiv Peth, Poona and that some dirty smelling sticky substance like wax was recovered from his room during the course of the search.

Mr. Kulkarni said that he remembered having been called by the police to act as a panch at 2-30 a.m. between the night of January 30 and 31 to a room at Sadashiv Peth. Witness had a grocery shop in Sadashiv Peth. The room which was to be searched belongs to Dattatrya Narayan Hajib. Witness' own shop was also situated in the same building. Witness had sublet one of the rooms to one Vishnu Vinayak Angal. Nathuram V. Godse was living in that room. Mr. Kulkarni identified Nathuram Godse and said that he was the man who was living in the room which he (witness) had sub-let to Mr. Angal. Certain articles including some dirty smelling sticky substance like wax, a letter and a cheque were recovered from the room. A panchnama was prepared and the witness and his co-panch signed it. Witness when shown the panchnama testified to its correctness.

CROSS-EXAMINED

Cross-examined by Mr. V. V. Oak, Counsel for Nathuram Godse Mr. Kulkarni said that the room occupied by Nathuram Godse was never locked from outside even if Godse was out. It was not locked even if Godse went out of Poona. He could not say whether a number of people visited the room. The building had two floors and the members of the family of the owner of the house resided in it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Mengle Counsel for Apte, witness stated that when he went inside the room on January 31 there was nobody in the room.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dange Counsel for Karkare, Mr. Kulkarni said that he was chargine it month as rent from Mr. V.V. Angal, but did not inform the Rent Controller that he had sub-let the room. He did not know whether Mr. V. V. Angal was recovering rent from Godse. When the panchnama was prepared Mr. Angal and another person were present. No receipt was passed on the police in regard to the recovered articles. The sticky substance recovered was put inside a bucket containing water and was taken by the police.

Mr Dange: Did you ask the Sub-Inspector why the sticky substance was put inside the bucket?

Mr. Kulkarni: I asked the Sub-Inspector and he said that the substance was explosive.

The recovered articles, Mr. Kulkarni added, were not sealed.

GWALIOR POLICE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Dinkarrao Pandurangrao Thorat Patil, Senior Superintendent of Police Gwalior, stated that on information given by Dr. Dattatrya Parchure, a sten-gun was recovered from a certain house in Gwalior.

Mr. Dinkarrao said that he had been in the Gwalior police for the last 11 years. In January-February this year he was the Senior Superintendent of Police at Gwalior.

Mr. R. N. Marsh Smith was the Inspector-General of Police, Gwalior. Witness knew Dr Parchure. He was the President of the Hindu Sabha and the organiser of the Hindu Rashtra. Dr. Parchure was detained on the morning of Feb 3, 1948 under the maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, Gwalior. He was arrested in the early morning of Feb 3 and was kept in Gwalior Fort under military custody. The police had no control over him after he had been handed over to the military authorities. Mr. Rana D.I.G. (CID) Bombay, Mr. Deokar of CID Poona and Mr. Balkrishnan, Inspector of Police, Delhi, were at Gwalior on Feb. 14, 1946 in connection with the murder of Mahatma Gandhi.

MEETING DR. PARCHURE IN GWALIOR FORT

Mr. Dinkarrao added that he was called by Mr. Marsh Smith at his bungalow where a meeting was held. Mr. Khizar Mohd. Khan, Superintendent (CID) Gwalior, Mr. Rana, Mr. Deokar and Mr. Balkrishnan were present at the meeting. Witness was asked by Mr. Marsh Smith to assist the three police officers in the investigation. On Feb. 16 witness took Mr. Deokar and Mr. Balkrishnan to the Gwalior Fort to see Dr. Parchure. Witness had to take permission of the Commander, Gwalior Army, before he took them to Dr Parchure in the Fort. The Army Commander issued necessary instructions to Major Chattrey, Fort Commander to allow them to enter the Fort and to see Dr. Parchure. Dr. Parchure was taken out from his cell by Major Chattrey to the dispensary room. Witness and his companions were also taken by Major Chattrey to the dispensary room. Major Chattrey remained in the room throughout. Witness introduced his companions to Dr. Parchure. Mr. Deokar put certain questions to Dr. Parchure to which he replied. Witness and his companions were with Dr. Parchure for about two hours. Dr. Parchure's statement was taken down in Marathi. Major Chattrey then took Dr. Parchure to his cell.

"No police officer", Mr. Thorat Patil added, "could have any contact with Dr. Parchure after his statement was recorded. I again took the permission of the Commander of the Gwalior Army on Feb. 17 to take Dr. Parchure for investigation at Morar Police Station. Mr. Borkar, Mr. Balkrishnan and Mr. Rana were with me at that time. I took Dr. Parchure to Morar in consequence of the statement made by Dr. Parchure on Feb. 16.

STEN-GUN RECOVERED FROM HOUSE IN GWALIOR.

A Magistrate and two panchas were called in Dr. Parchure thereafter led us to a certain house and a sten-gun was recovered from there.

We then returned to the Fort and handed over Dr. Parchure to military custody. As a result of the recovery of the sten-gun a case under the Criminal Disturbances Prevention Order was registered against Dr. Parchure and one more person".

Mr Daphtary: On Feb. 16 or 17 did Dr. Parchure make any complaint or mention as to the condition of his health or conditions under which he was kept or any ill-treatment or threat?

Mr. Inamdar Counsel for Parchure objected to the question and said that it was inadmissible as it related to a statement made to the police by an accused person.

Thereupon Mr Daphtary pointed out to the statement of allegations filed in the Court earlier on behalf of Dr. Parchure to the effect that he was then running temperature and his statement was recorded under threat to his life and property and that of his relations and submitted that he was not asking any question in regard to any statement by Dr. Parchure. If the Court was not inclined to admit the question he would not press the matter further.

QUESTION ALLOWED BUT NOT ANSWER.

Mr. Daphtary repeated the question.

Mr. Thorat Patil: He did not make any complaint. The court recorded the question but disallowed the answer.

Mr. Dinkarrao identified a letter from Mr. Balkrishnan and said that it was in regard to Dr. Parchure's confession. Witness had made an endorsement on the letter. Witness took that letter to Mr. Atal, a First Class Magistrate of Gwalior on the evening of Feb 17. As it was too late, Mr. Atal told witness that he would record the confession next morning. Accordingly, Mr. Dinkarrao took Mr. Atal in a police car to Gwalior Fort next morning. Mr. Deokar, Mr. Balkrishnan and Mr. Khizar Mohd Khan were also with him.

Witness had obtained permission from the Army Commander for entering the Fort. Witness picked up Major Chattrey from the Fort and they all went up to the cell in which Dr. Parchure was lodged. Mr. Atal and Major Chattrey went into the cell while witness and other police officers remained in the car. They could not be seen from the cell. After five minutes Major Chattrey came back and told witness that he was going back to his house. After about two hours a sentry came and fetched Major Chattrey who went up to the cell and came back with Mr. Atal.

Mr. Dinkarrao added that on Feb 19, 1948, Dr. Parchure was trasferred to the judicial lock-up in connection with the recovery of the sten-gun and also in connection with this case. Dr. Parchure remained in the judicial lock-up till April 24, 1948 when he was handed over to Deputy-Inspector Sawant of Bombay Police for taking him to Delhi. Deputy-Inspector Sawant had been sent by Mr. Nagarvala. On Feb. 20 Dr. Parchure was produced before a magistrate in connection with the extradition proceedings. He was again produced for extradition proceedings on Feb. 21. But he was handed over to Deputy-Inspector Sawant without extradition proceedings.

THREE SUSPECTS STILL ABSCONDING

Mr. Dinkarrao said that orders had been issued for the detention of three persons namely, Gangadhar Jhalay Gangadhar Banwat and Sukdeo Sharma. They were wanted in connection with the Gandhi Murder Case. They were also wanted for detention purposes under the Gwalior Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance. They are still absconding. Police were doing their best to trace them out.

On Feb. 17, Dr Parchure was shown as arrested by the Dominion Police in connection with the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

Cross-examined by Mr. P. L. Inamdar, Counsel for Dr. Parchure, M. Thorat Patil said that he had been stationed in Lashkar as Senior Superintendent of Police since October 1947. Previously he was stationed in Gwalior. After he had come to Lashkar no satyagraha was launched by the Gwalior Hindu Sabha Party. During his time at Lashkar there were no quarrels between the Hindu Rashtra Sena and the R. S. S. The Gwalior State Fire-Arms and ammunition Control and Registration (Emergency) Order was in force in Gwalior State. He did not remember whether any case had been started against Jagdish Goel, Nathilal Jain of Amoah and Maheadra Singh of Lashkar. Those detained under the Maintenance of Public Order had been released either under the orders of the High Court or by the Home Minister. The Congress Party of Gwalior State came to power on Jan. 24 1947.

Mr. Thorat Patil said that Dr. Parchure was arrested on the night of Feb. 2-3 1948 Mr. Thorat was not present at the time of the arrest. The persons arrested in Gwalior on Feb. 2 and 3 either belonged to Hindu Sabha or to Hindu Rashtra.

BARRETE PISTOL

Mr. Inamdar: Is it a fact that a Barrete pistol was recovered from Dr. Parchure and it was later handed over to the police?

Mr. Patil: The pistol was deposited at the Kotwali by Nilkant Parchure, brother of Dr. Parchure.

Question: Was it a registered pistol?

Ans: Yes.

Q. Did you search Dr. Parchure's house.

Ans: I did not.

Mr. Inamdar: Did the Home Ministry, Government of India ask you for any information about Dr. Parchure being a British subject?

Mr. Patil: No.

Q. Did you make any enquiry about his place of birth, education and place of residence?

Ans: No. Made no personal enquiry

Q. Did you order any of your subordinates to find out whether Dr Parchure was a Dominion subject?

Ans: I do not remember.

Mr. Thorat Patil said that Dr. Parchure's brother owned a house in Lashkar. Dr. Parchure and his brother lived in a joint family.

PARCHURE PRODUCED BEFORE EXTRADITING AUTHORITY

Asked whether witness himself ever produced Dr. Parchure before any extraditing authority, Mr. Thorat Patil said that he had asked his subordinates to do so, and accordingly, Dr. Parchure was produced before the extraditing authority on Feb. 20 and 21. So far as witness could remember, Dr. Parchure was produced before Mr. Jamunanath Baijal, City Judicial Officer, for extradition proceedings.

Mr. Inamdar: Did you take permission of the District Magistrate to produce Dr. Parchure before Mr Baijal for extradition proceedings?

Mr. Patil: No.

Mr. Thorat Patil added that Mr. K. S. Parchure, brother of Dr. Parchure, had remained under detention from Feb. 16 to 20. He was not kept in the Fort. Mr. K. S. Parchure was transferred to the judicial lock-up on Feb. 20. He was released some time in May 1948.

Mr. Inamdar: Is it a fact that he was released after May 27 when the case started in this Court?

Mr. Patil: I think he was released after May 27 when the case started in this court.

Nilkanath Parchure, son of Dr. Parchure, witness added, was kept in detention from Feb. 15. He had been released but could not say on what date. He had been detained at the Gird Police Station. All those detained under the Maintenance and Public Order Ordinance had not been kept in the Central Jail at Lashkar.

There was neither a judicial lock-up nor a prison in the Fort. The Gwalior Fort area was under the jurisdiction of the Fort Commander. It was not a cantonment.

ONLY ONE CHALANED IN STEN-GUN CASE

Mr. Inamdar: The case registered in regard to the recovery of the sten-gun was against R K. Puranik and Dr. Parchure?

Mr. Thorat Patil: Yes.

Mr. Inamdar: Is it a fact that with regard to this offence only Mr. R. K. Puranik was chalaned?

Mr. Thorat Patil: It is a fact.

Mr. Rana, Mr. Deolkar and Mr. Balkrishnan, Mr. Thorat Patil went on, had stayed at the Gwalior guest house between Feb. 14 and 16.

No case was registered against Dr. Parchure in regard to this case at Gwalior till Feb. 16. Before he took Mr. Balkrishnan and Mr. Deolkar to the Fort he had satisfied himself that they had obtained the permission of the Chief Extradition Officer.

Mr. Inamdar: In what way did you satisfy yourself?

Mr. Thorat Patil: Mr. Marsh Smith told me that these people had obtained the permission of the Extradition Authority.

Mr. Inamdar: The District Magistrate did not ask you to assist the Dominion Police in the investigation of the case?

Mr. Thorat Patil: I was asked by the I. G. of Police to assist them.

On Feb. 27, witness stated, Mr. Deolkar and Mr. Balkrishnan had gone to Dr. Parchure's house and had seen Dr. Parchure's wife. It was at the time when Apte was taken to Dr. Parchure's house.

Mr. Thorat Patil said that he did not know that the wife of Dr. Parchure was in her house on Feb. 27.

Q. I put it to you that on Feb. 27 the wife of Dr. Parchure was not at her house but she had gone to Shivpuri.

Ans. I cannot say. I do not remember.

Q. Did Apte take Deolkar to the house of Dr. Parchure some time between Feb. 14 and Feb. 18?

Ans. I do not remember that Apte took Deolkar to Mrs. Parchure between Feb. 14 and Feb. 18.

At this stage the Judge asked the relevancy of these questions.

PARCHURE'S WIFE & RELATIVES HARASSED BY POLICE?

Mr. Inamdar submitted that he wanted to bring on record the conduct of the police during the investigation. One could judge the state of mind of an accused person whose wife and other relations were harassed by the police, added Mr. Inamdar.

Replying to a question, witness said that Deolkar interrogated the wife of Dr. Parchure with regard to the visit of Godse and Apte to Gwalior.

Witness said that he did not inspect the record of the medical officer relating to the period when Dr. Parchure was detained in the Fort. He also did not see the record of the medical officer of the Central Jail, Gwalior, relating to Feb. 19 and thereabout. Witness went to the Fort on Feb. 16, 17 and 18. The Bombay and Delhi police officers accompanied him on those occasions. Witness did not notice any other prisoner in the cells in those days. Dr. Parchure was kept in the Fort in order to avoid demonstrations. Ordinarily, detenus were kept in the Central Jail. There was an Ordinance Depot in the Fort. Entry to the Ordnance Depot was prohibited. Military supplied food to Dr. Parchure while he was detained in the Fort. Greater Gwalior had been declared as communally disturbed area in Feb. 1948. The Fort formed a part of Greater Gwalior.

On Jan. 24, 1948 the Hindu Sabha had staged a demonstration at Moti Mahal (Secretariat of Gwalior Government). Witness knew that Dr. Parchure was a member of the Conciliatory Board, Gwalior. The Board's aim was to maintain good relations between different communities. He did not know that the members of the Board were appointed by the Gwalior Government.

At this stage the Court rose for the day.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Dr. August P. Hauuisee, Roman Catholic Bishop of Shanghai, died here last night, aged 71. Dr. Haouisee was born in France and was appointed Bishop of Shanghai in 1933.

AGRICULTURE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Agriculture addressing the Conference of Agriculture Ministers in New Delhi on September 8. The Conference appointed a Committee on food production consisting of the Ministers and Agriculture officials of the main surplus and deficit areas, to deal with the next season's plans for increased production, the impediments to such production and the measures necessary to remove them.

'HITLERIAN TACTICS' TO OUST INDIAN LABOUR

"Times Of Ceylon" Criticises Citizenship Bill

COLOMBO, Sept. 9 (Reuter): In a two-column editorial entitled "Unconscionable" the "Times of Ceylon" criticises the haste with which the Ceylonisation of harbour Labour is sought to be brought about by the authorities.

The paper says that to proceed on the basis of the Ceylon Citizenship Bill to determine at present which of the Indians are eligible to continue in employment in the harbour must seem to any fairminded individual, not only provocative, but a grossly unconscionable assumption, calculated to embarrass rather than ease the delicate situation.

The paper points out that the prewar agreement of maintaining 33 per cent of Ceylonese Labour in the harbour was abandoned when the harbour was deserted after the Japanese raid of April 5, 1942, and the authorities were compelled to employ anybody who offered himself for service.

It adds the fact that the majority of the volunteers were non-Ceylonese gives the lie direct to the story sedulously cultivated in certain quarters that Indian labour deserted its post of duty.

Pointing out that no effort was being made to find alternate work for the dismissed labourers, who will be paid no compensation and will not be allowed to register at the Employment Exchange, the paper declares "in the light of these Hitlerian tactics we cannot see what useful purpose will be served by the Government of India continuing its negotiations with the Ceylon Government on the Indian Citizenship Bill. Pt. Nehru would do well to make plain and public his Government's reactions in this matter. There is a limit beyond which restraint is likelly to be mistaken for weakness".

MIDNIGHT ATTACK BY BANDITS

Burma's People's Volunteer Organisation Resists

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Two hundred armed bandits took part in a midnight attack on the Rangoon suburb of Kemmendine, British sources in the area reported today.

The first object of the raiders, who approached by river in several parties, was the local headquarters of the People's Volunteer Organisation—still loyal to Government.

When their demand for arms and ammunition was met with resistance, firing started, the noise of which was clearly audible in the British Pegu Club near the centre of Rangoon.

The attackers shot a Burmese subagent of the Burma Oil Company, looted several houses in the neighbourhood and decamped with large sums in cash and jewellery on the arrival of motorised police.

VIGIL FOR MISSING R. I. A. F. PLANE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A two-seater Tiger Moth belonging to the Royal Indian Air Force was reported missing by the Bombay Airport authorities, 36 hours after it had left Deolali on a non-stop flight to Baroda.

A through search of the route was being made for the aircraft which was described as bi-plane—having an upper and a lower wing—painted yellow and bearing the registration number H.V. 708. The pilot and the co-pilot were the sole occupants of the plane.

The airplane, it is stated, took off at 8-15 a.m. yesterday. It carried fuel to last three to four hours flight adequate for the Deolali-Baroda trip which normally takes just three hours. As no report had been received about the landing of the plane at Baroda and as it had not returned to its base, the authorities immediately communicated the information to all the Area Controls in the Western Area asking them to keep watch for the missing aircraft.

FLYING DUTIES IN R. I. A. F.

Relaxation Of Age Limit For Recruits

NEW DELHI, Sept. 8 (API): An announcement made by Air Headquarters provides for the relaxation of the upper age limit for recruitment to the flying duties branch of the Royal Indian Air Force in respect of applicants, who have some previous flying experience.

Air Headquarters have now informed all Air Force recruiting offices that while normally the maximum age limit for entry as a cadet in the Flying Branch of the RIAF is 21, this may be relaxed upto the age of 20 in the case of applicants who have a minimum of four to five hours of recognised dual or solo flying experience as pilots.

These liberalised terms will now enable pupils of various flying clubs in India to join the Flying Duties Branch of the RIAF.

BALDEV SINGH CONTRADICTS REPORT

A Press Communique says:

"The attention of the Hon'ble Sardar Baldev Singh, Minister for Defence, has been drawn to an article published in the evening edition of "Bande Mataram", an Urdu daily of Delhi, under the caption "Sardar Baldev Singh Ki Taraf Se General Mohan Singh Ko Badnam Karne Ki Sazish Ka Inkishaf", under the date line from 'Hissar'. The articles includes what purports to be a letter written by the Hon'ble Minister on July 20 last to the Hon. Sardar Swaran Singh, Home Minister, East Punjab Government. The letter is a complete fabrication and a forgery. Sardar Baldev Singh has not written any letter on the subject to anyone".

Fischer Leaves For Bombay

AHMEDABAD, September 9, (API): Mr. Louis Fischer, American author and journalist, is leaving today by air for Bombay after two days visit to Ahmedabad for the collection of material for his biography of Mahatma Gandhi.

Asked when he expected to publish his book on Mahatma Gandhi Mr. Fischer said, "I hope to begin writing the book in November on my return to America, and finish it in a year."

CHIANG'S TROOPS RETAKE SHANHSIEN

More Government Successes Reported

NANKING, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Chinese Government troops have recaptured the strategic Lunghai Railway city of Shanhsien, in north-west Honan, pro-Government dispatches reported today.

Other successes were claimed in North Kiangsu, Central Hopei and on the Hopei-Jehol border.

In North Kiangsu province semi-official reports claimed the capture of two important Communist centres—Suchien and Szeyang on the Grand Canal south-east of Suchow, the Government operational base in East China.

Gen Chang Liu-Shih, Government military spokesman, said today that Communists attacked the outskirts of Manchuria's capital, Changchun, several times in the past week, and that large enemy forces had been concentrated round the city "in obvious preparation for further thrusts".

YAMUNA RISING AGAIN

KANPUR, Sept. 9 (API): River Yamuna in Kanpur district has started rising again. There has been a rise of about 4 to 5 feet During the last 48 hours. But the water level here has not reached the level recorded last week.

Relief parties have been sent to the affected areas of Mogsanagar, Pushrayav and Ghatampur.

HOSPITAL AFFECTED: PATIENTS REMOVED

BENARES, Sept. 9 (API): The level of the River Ganga, remained stationary since last evening upto 8 this morning the reading was 247.47 feet above sea level, which is more than 13 feet above the danger mark.

Reports about damages to the buildings in the water logged localities are pouring in. A portion of the Marwari Hospital cracked yesterday and patients were removed to another part of the building.

A number of temples and big stone buildings on the bank of the river have been heavily damaged.

The life of Benares has been paralysed to some extent as almost half the city remains submerged under flood water for the last 4 days.

GANGES RISES FURTHER IN PATNA

LUCKNOW, Sept. 9 (API): The flood level of River Ganga at Patna has recorded a further rise during the past 24 hours. The water level at midday today is 165.93 against 165.43 yesterday. It is still three feet below the highest flood level of 168.90 recorded in the year 1924.

PAKVASA ARRIVES IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9, (A.P.I.): The Governor of C. P. Sri Mangaldas Pakwasa, arrived here yesterday on a two-day visit. He is staying at Government House as a guest of the Governor-General Sri C. Rajagopalachari.

80 AFRICANS KILLED IN MINE DISASTER

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 9 (Reuter): Bodies of 80 Africans killed by a pressure burst caused by an earth tremor in city deep mine yesterday were found today by rescue parties who had been working unceasingly since the burst occurred.

In addition to the dead, one European miner was injured and taken to hospital. Seven Africans were still trapped in a stope (gallery) 7,500 feet underground.

The rescuers could hear the voices of some of the trapped men and it was believed four were still alive.

Yugoslavs In Uniform Fight For Greek Guerilla

ATHENS, Sept. 9 (Reuter): The Greek General Staff Communique today alleged that men in Yugoslav Army uniforms took part in Guerilla action near Greek-Yugoslav frontier in region of Mount Kaimakchalan.

Under pressure from forces moving from Yugoslavia Greek Government units had withdrawn from height of Koutsoubey, which was later recaptured after a stiff struggle, the Communique said.

Investigations are in progress to ascertain the identity of the uniformed fighters, it added.

MUTT AND JEFF-- Jeff Wanted A Job, But Not That Bad

By BUD FISHER

THERE'S A JOB FOR YOU, JEFF!
YEH!
MEN WANTED TO HANDLE EXPLOSIVES CONGENIAL EMPLOYMENT
WHY DID YOU LEAVE YOUR LAST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT?
MUTT, WHY DID I LEAVE THERE?
YOU WERE FIRED!
I MEAN BESIDES BEIN' FIRED!
NEVER MIND! IN CASE OF ACCIDENT, WHERE DO YOU WANT YOUR BODY SENT?
BEG PARDON?
I SAID TO WHAT PLACE DO YOU WANT YOUR BODY SENT?
NEVER MIND SENDING IT ANY PLACE! I'LL TAKE IT WITH ME! GOOD-BYE!

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